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### Bailiffs will enforce curb on benefits

Anger at Lilley plan to use private debt collectors

CHRIS BLACKHURST Westminster Correspondent

Government ministers are planning to hire private firms of bailiffs to enforce a crackdown on abuses of the social security benefits system.

internal government documents leaked to the Independent reveal that Peter Lilley, the Secretary of State for Social Security, is considering employing commercial debt recovery agents to go on to housing estates and demand the return of hundreds of millions of pounds mistakenly

paid each year by his officials. In what will be one of the most politically sensitive contracting out exercises to date, the privateasked to visit claimants and demand the return of the Department of Social Security's money. The bailiffs will be supplied with confidential personal details about claimants and will be expected to collect the money

Two firms will be selected for a pilot project and asked to deal with 7,500 cases, around 5 per and have asked for them to be cent of the annual total, from across the country. They will be given access to personal data on covery is suitable for market the claimants thought to have received too much money.

This will be the first time commercial debt recovery specialists have been used by the Government in this way. The move comes against increasing demands from within the Tory party to clamp down on social security abuses and complaints that not enough was being done to halt massive overpayments by

the DSS Benefits Agency.
The National Audit Office, the public finance watchdog, estimates around £540m a year is paid in error by the Agency to

receivers of income support alone. The documents supplied to the Independent reveal the pilot exercise is to cover income support, contributory benefits

and social fund payments.
So bad has the problem of overpayments by the Benefits Agency become that for the last few years the NAO has refused to give the DSS's accounts a clean bill of health. At present overpayments made through official error are written off while the Agency tries to pur-sue cases where claimants' finances have changed.

On 12 September John sector debt enforcers will be Coyle, the head of the Benefits Agency's debts recovery section,

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wrote to senior colleagues to say ministers were thinking about market testing their work. However, "ministers have expressed concerns about some of the sensitivities of debt recovery work evaluated via a pilot before they decide whether debt re-

testing", wrote Mr Coyle. In an accompanying management note he wrote: "Ministers have asked for a pilot exercise to assess private sector performance on sensitive ises such as confidentiality, collection methods, standards of conduct and public acceptability." And they will be expected to adopt the same tough methods as if they were working for a private client. The idea, wrote Mr Coyle, is "to test the full range of recovery activities, in particular litigation and door-

Part of the exercise, to begin in March, will entail ministers studying possible abuses of con-fidentiality by the private balliffs. For the pilot to be successful, said the note, it must address "ministerial concerns".

In particular Mr Coyle explained the market test must cover the following areas: "Confidentiality - identify instances of misuse, abuse of data; political sensitivity - gauge public perception of private sector involvement; collection methods - assess acceptability to public and Benefits Agency; standards of conduct - assess acceptability and stringency of standards."

Each firm will receive 3,750 cases. They will have from March until November next year to retrieve the cash or eise the case must be handed back to Benefits Agency officials. The whole exercise, including the hiring of management consultants to monitor the results according to Mr Coyle's paper is budgeted to cost £548,000.

A spokesman for the CPSA the civil service union, said this was "the most sensitive so far of the market testing exercises at the Benefits Agency". His tmon, he said was deeple on posed to the study and the fact that the Government was preferring to first "test the water with a pilot was proof of min-

isters' own misgr Chris Smith, Labour's social security spokesman, said he was horrified by the plan to use private bailiffs. "It is obviously necessary for the Benefits Agency to recoup money owing to it. But this is certainly not the way to go about it. There is a serious danger that private debt collecting sharks could be let loose with official authority. Dressed to vilify: Fidel Castro discarded his familiar army fatigues yesterday to address the UN's 50th anniversary bash, but abandoned none Ministers should think again." of his fiery invective. Right: Castro in 1960 at the height of the Cold War when he spoke for an agonising four hours Main photograph: All

### Castro spoils party as UN squabbles



NEW YORK

Fidel Castro came to the United Nations vestenday dressed like a banker but still roaring like a revolutionary lion. While he did not quite bang the podium with his shoe like Nikita Kruschchev did 35 years ago, he flailed his enemies with his rhetoric, accusing the UN itself of "exalting

a new colonialism". With no fewer than 140 world leaders in New York for the 50th anniversary bash of the UN the largest such congregation in the history of mankind - the Cubun President shone more brightly and more angrily than any of his peers. But he had one friend among the crush; President Boris Yeltsin, who collided with him at lunch with an extravagant display of com-

radely greetings. Not that Mr Castro was the only leader to introduce shards of disharmony to proceedings that had been envisaged as a non-controversial celebration of post-Cold War peace. Mr Yelisin threw rocks in Nato's direction while almost everyone pointed an accusatory finger at the United States for its part in tipping the UN into near-bank-

ruptcy by failing to pay its dues. His beard still unkempt and greying, Mr Castro had none the less discarded army fatigues for a double-breasted suit. He also almost honoured the five-minute limit imposed on each leader at the podium, winding up after just seven. (In 1960, he rambled for an agonising four hours.).

The first among the leaders to speak, Mr Clinton did not miss the chance to include a dig at Mr Castro, noting that "throughout this hemisphere. every nation except one has chasen democracy". But Mr Cartro dealt a harsh return shot against continuing American sanctions against his country. "We lay claim to a world with out ruthless blockades that cause the death of men, women

and children, youths and elders, like poiseless atomic bombs." And in words that will have found sympathy in many small states, Mr Castro made a searing attack on the five permanent members of the Security Council. "The obsolete veto privilege and the ill-use of the Security Council by the powerful are exalting a new colonialism within the UN itself," he said.

In ominous tones, Mr Yeltsin warned of a "new confrontation tomorrow" if Nato was allowed to expand eastwards to include the old European satellites of the former Soviet Union. "This is not the way to build a just world order," he said.

One old trouble-maker, however, offered only sweetness and gratitude vesterday. Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, conceded that 21 years ago he had come before the same assembly as "a fighter for freedom, liberation and independence, carrying with me the torments of my struggling people. Today, how-ever, I come to you with a heart filled with love and peace."

Clinton's warning, page 10



Maurice Lacroix

### rug manufacturers might sue over Pill scare

The manufacturers of the seven brands of contraceptive Pill at the centre of the Government's health scare are considering taking legal action over the bandling of last week's warning.

Organon, manufacturer of Marvelon and Mercilon, two of the world's best-selling brands of the Pill, said it was concerned that the decision of the Committee on

Safety of Medicines (CSM) to warn women about alleged increased health risks appeared to have been made "with undue haste" and without adequate

to-door collection."

analysis of the data in question. The Government's warning that taking the seven types of Pill could double the risk of a blood clot was based on three unpubhished studies, the principal one being led by Professor Walter Spitzer of McGill University,

Montreal. Organon said in a statement: "Professor Spitzer's comments that the [Medicines Control Agency's interpretation of his data was incorrect confirms our belief that the CSM has acted prematurely. Organon Lab-oratories has taken legal advice and in the light of Professor Spitzer's comments is currently reviewing its legal position."
A spokesman for Wyeth, the United States-based manufac-

turers of Minulet and Tri-Minulet, said that legal action "was certainly a matter for consideration when we receive the information requested from the Secretary of State".

This was reiterated by Schering HC, the manufacturers of Femodene, Femodene ED and Triadene. A spokesman said yesterday that the company was examining the impact of the Government's warning and "as-

sessing its position". All three companies say they have not yet received copies of the research data upon which the Government's warning was based, in

spite of requests. According to some experts the pharmaceutical companies may be anticipating potential legal action against themselves on the basis of their knowledge of possible side-effects and the warnings they gave. Another

tion could be the effect the warning has on share prices.

Karen Woolfson, of the credit rating agency Standard and Poor's MarketScope magazine, said City analysts were shocked by the scare and "confused" by the handling of the situation. She said they would need to assess its impact on the United Kingdom market and elsewhere.

Kenneth Calman, page 18

class South London family: Sir

Kingsley served in the Royal

Signals during the war and af-ter Oxford became a junior lec-

turer at Swansea, where his

experiences formed the basis for

Lucky Jim, published in 1954.

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Another post-race clash be-

tween Michael Schumacher and

Damon Hill lent an edge to the Pacific Grand Prix, which the

German won in his Benetton to

clinch his second consecutive

World Championship. Britain's

### Kingsley Amis, the Old Devil, dies at 73

Sir Kingsley Amis, 73, one of the finest English writers of the 20th century, died in hospital yes-terday morning. Last night trib-utes poured in for Sir Kingsley, who burst on to the literary scene in 1954 with his celebrated first novel, Lucky Jim, and whose consistent and prolific output was still being recognised

IN BRIEF

Bizarre new Tory divisions on Europe emerged after Sir Alan

Walters, former economic ad-

knighted in 1990.

Melvyn Bragg, controller of arts at London Weekend Tele-vision, said Sir Kingsley, whose son Martin has also won literary acclaim, had dominated literature for half a century. Sir Kingsley was perhaps as famous for his outspokenness, ferocious drinking, extreme

in 1986 when *The Old Devils* right-wing views and misogyny won the Booker Prize. He was as for 20 novels and six volumes of verse.

Malcolm Bradbury, academic and writer, who knew him for 30 years, said last night that his hard-drinking image was often an act designed to preserve his privacy. Prof Bradbury added that he was one of four great fiction writers in Britain in the late 20th century, alongside William

Golding, Anthony Burgess, and Doris Lessing.

Auberon Waugh, novelist Born into a lower middle and journalist, said: "In Lucky Jim he absolutely captured the tone of the times in the way that Martin Amis has done for this

generation." The journalist and playwright Keith Waterhouse said Sir Kingsley would be "badly missed" at London's Garrick Club. "He was a cur-

Fun-loving man, page 3 Obituary, page 16 COMMENT

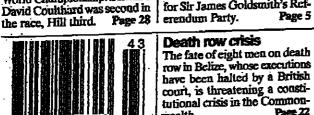
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Essay: Town vs Country is an ancient war. Will

Andrew Marr reviews an insider's account of life with John Major. Leading article: There is no reason why a

responsible private operation should not recover social security debt.

Weather: Dry and bright in central and eastern England, south-east Scotland and east Wales. Cloudy and windy elsewhere, with



viser to Margaret Thatcher, said he would fight Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, for his

Walters vs Clarke

Rushcliffe seat as a candidate for Sir James Goldswith's Ref-Page 5 | 2010. Death row crisis The fate of eight men on death row in Belize, whose executions have been halted by a British

The winning bids in Britain's first tree-planting auction will be announced today, signalling the creation of a county-sized National Forest in the scarred, unleafy landscapes of the north Midlands. The aim is to plant 66 square miles of woodland by Page 4

Forest plan takes root

Laker flies back Sir Freddie Laker, now 73, blames a "giant conspiracy" for the collapse of Laker Airways 13 years ago, but is plotting reincarnation on a Page 22 Europe-Florida run. Page 21

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Paras return to Northern Ireland The Parachute Regiment is earmarked to return to Northern

Ireland next year. The news

comes two months after the reg-

iment's 2nd Battalion left

Belfast following a two-year

There had been suggestions

that the regiment would be

withdrawn following the IRA

ceasefire. However, senior

Army sources denied the spec-

ulation and 2 Para is scheduled

back there for a six-month tour

Sinn Fein attacked the deci-

sion as "provocative and insensitive" and a backward step

Tower death plunge

Adrian Gannaway, 33, from Swindon, Wiltshire, plunged 300 feet to his death from

Biackpool Tower. He was in a group visiting the highest view-ing area of the tower on Satur-day afternoon. As the party prepared to take the lift down

Mr Gannaway said he had lost

his wallet. He was last seen climbing on to safety netting on

the edge of the tower from where he plunged to his death.

Drug abuse register

A national register of parents

whose children have been in-

volved in drug abuse has been

launched. The register, which will form the basis of a network

of support for parents, was set

up during the fast convention of parents' pressure groups

against drugs, which was host-ed by the Merseyside-based

Parents Against Drug Abuse.

Castle sale's £55m

Sotheby's 15-day auction at a

in the latter part of 1996.

in the search for peace.

tour of the Province.

### Prison governors predict 'months of disarray'

STEPHEN WARD Legal Affairs Correspondent

Prison governors warned vesterday that management of the service is likely to be in disarray for months following the sacking of Derek Lewis.

Brendan O'Friel, chairman of the Prison Governors' Association, said that as Director General of the Prison Service agency, Mr Lewis had developed a centralised power structure which could not work with

anyone else at the helm. The Prison Service would have to be reorganised before it would work effectively, he said.

Mr O'Friel told the Independent: "Derek Lewis was working immensely long hours, and he had this immensely retentive memory for detail, and if you remove Derek at one fell swoop, all that goes. They are going to have to reorganise things. Nobody can do what Derek was doing."

Mr O'Friel said that in the

sacked, his contacts with prisoners, prison staff, governors and Prison Service headquarters, which had shown the episode had "traumatised the service". He said: "At the very least, people are very confused

about where we are going."

A letter from the Prison Governors' Association will arrive on Michael Howard's desk this morning calling on him to stop interfering in Prison Service operations. It warns Mr for the lapses of management

which led to the Parkhurst deweek since Mr Lewis was Howard that intervention in bacle. His letter tells Mr "even minor operational mat-Howard: "Page 93 of the Learters" is causing both bad management and lapses in security. mont report itemises the extent to which those at the top of the

Mr Howard resisted calls to resign last week in the wake of the Learmont report on escapes at Parkhurst prison, saying that operational re-sponsibility was not his, but solely Mr Lewis's.

This reduced the time they could give to managing and leading the service. There is sub-Mr O'Friel's letter argues stantial scope for immediately that Learmont itself actually reducing ministerial oversight of minor operational matters." blames ministerial involvement A confidential Home Office

service were spending their

time on ministerial papers and

document leaked to the Independent yesterday casts doubt on Mr Howard's claim that he left day-to-day running of the prison service to Mr Lewis.

The document shows that a group of civil servants set up by Mr Howard nine months ago to "monitor" Mr Lewis's agency had as one of its aims: "to work with the Prison Service so that working methods, priorities and objectives for the service reflect Ministers' priorities". Mr Howard faced criticism

from another source yesterday. Judge Stephen Tumim, the Chief Inspector of Prisons, who has been forced by Mr Howard to retire on 1 November, said Mr Howard seemed no longer to want any independent

His views were corroborated by Home Office sources, who said Mr Howard had rebuked the Prison Ombudsman, Sir Peter Woodhead, after the publication of his critical first half-

### yearly report last mouth. 'Stalker' may have

PETER VICTOR

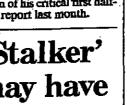
Police investigating the murder of a stable girl found battered to death in her caravan home are looking into claims that she had been living in fear of an obsessive stalker. Friends of Jessie Hurlestone, 27, say she had been plagued by a man for three weeks at the National Hunt stables where she worked

Mrs Frost said yesterday that horses had been Ms Hurlestone's main interest. She had no boyfriend and lived in the caravan near the stable block with her four cats and a dog. "She certainly did not deserve this," Mrs Frost added. "It was a jealousy thing, by someone who had an obsession over her. I think the stalking had been going on seriously for about two or three weeks.

knew one another.

### murdered stable girl

run by Richard Frost and his wife Glynne for more than 30 years. Yesterday Mrs Frost recalled how Ms Hurlestone was worried about being stalked by a man on Friday night, but turned down an offer to sleep in the main building. Instead, Mr Frost escorted her to the caravan to make sure she got there safely.



near Buckfastleigh, Devon.

Hawson Stables, where Ms
Hurlestone worked, have been

Yesterday police were investigating the claims. They con-tinued to question a 38-year-old man who, they said, had been arrested at Dartbridge, near Buckfastleigh, but was not employed at the stables. Police said that he and the victim



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castle in Baden-Baden, southern Germany, netted £55m. It set a new world record for a house sale and was the longest in living memory. A total of 25,000 objects - belonging to the Margrave of Baden, whose late mother was the Duke of Edinburgh's sister - went under the hammer in 29 sessions.

**Divorce protest** 

More than 50 Jewish women gathered outside the office of the Chief Rabbi in central London to demand a change in "discriminatory" religious laws on divorce which enable a wife to divorce her husband in a civil court but still remain "chained" to her husband if he refuses to grant a religious divorce, or Get.

Soldier charged

Lance Corporal David Anthony Doody, 26, of the Prince of Wales Royal Regiment based in Canterbury, Kent, is due to appear before magistrates in Basingstoke, Hampshire, today on charges of attempted murder and armed robbery.

Body found in wood A murder inquiry was launched after a man was found tied up

and strangled in woods. The body of John Dawson, 56, from Carlton, Nottingham, was discovered in John's Lee Wood, Markfield, Leicestershire.

Three share jackpot Three ticketholders shared this week's £8.9m National Lottery ackpot. The winning numbers were 2, 6, 17, 19, 21, 47 and the bonus number was 5.

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#### Fertility drug 'steps up risk of ovarian cancer' causing] drug, in its own right. But women who have been on is much less common than breast cancer, so even if the risk it for over a year should be reg-ularly screened by ultra-sound." Clomiphene is a damn good

**ANNABEL FERRIMAN** 

Women who take Britain's most popular fertility drug for more than a year are at increased risk of ovarian cancer and should be regularly screened for the disease, according to a leading gynaecologist.

More than 1,000 women could be affected, according to Professor Stuart Campbell. professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at King's College School of Medicine.

The drug, clomiphene citrate, which stimulates the ovaries to produce eggs, is taken by 16,000 women a month to help them conceive. Over a million women may have taken it since it first came on to the market under the brand name Clomid in 1966. Since then a second version has been launched.

users only take it for four to six months, some women are left on it for considerably longer.

Professor Campbell warns that such prescribing is dangerous. A recent paper in the New England Journal of Medicine showed that women who had been on it for more than a year had a considerably increased risk of cancer. We do not know whether they are at increased risk because the drug causes super-ovulation (the production of many eggs] or be-cause it is an oncogenic [cancer

The Committee on the Safety of Medicines is also concerned about its long-term effects. In its "Current Problems" bulletin, it says: "Recently it has been suggested that clomiphene increases the risk of ovarian cancer. Use of clomiphene may be associated with a small increase in absolute risk when treatment is given for more than 12 cycles. We recommend that it should not normally be

used for more than six cycles." The report in the New Eng-land Journal last year which sparked off the worries suggested that taking the drug for more than a year increased the risk of ovarian cancer 11-fold.

At present, no screening programme exists for the disease. which kills 4,000 women a year. Although it is less common than breast cancer (5,000 cases a year, compared to 28,000), the cure rate is worse because it is usually detected very late, The five-year survival rate is 28 per cent, compared to 62 per cent for breast cancer....

· Peter Bromwich, medical director of the Midland Fertility Services clinic, said: "Women who have been on clominhere. -for a long time may be at increased risk. But it must be remembered that ovarian cancer her on to a different drug."

drug if it is used sensibly."
Mrs Susan Rice, chief exec-

utive officer of Issue, the national fertility association, said: "It wornes us that some women are taking it for too long. We do not think anyone should be on it for more than a few months. If it is going to work, it is going to work within that time anyway. We would advise anyone who has been on it for more than a year to see their doctors and consider asking for screening."

Howard Jacobs, professor of reproductive endocrinology at University College London and chairman of the British Fertility Society, said: "The paper in the New England Journal is flawed. The women who develop cancer in the study had several different kinds and it is unlikely that there is one cause ... But it reminded doctors that no drug is without side-effects.

I see women who have been on clomiphene for years. That is irresponsible prescribing." Dr Mercia Page, of Serono UK, makers of Serophene (2) trade name for clossiphene), said: "The data sheet recom-

mends no more than six cycles.

If a parient has had several cycles and not conceived, the doc-

tor should be thinking of moving



Innocent victim: Horses were Jessie Hurlestone's 'main interest'

Photograph: Apex

### Ministers wary of Heseltine's electronic eye | Clarke upbeat

NIC CICUTTI

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, is setting up a new electronic diary, controlled from his office, aimed at centralising information and announcements from all Government departments. However, some of his minis-

terial colleagues are believed to be ready to hinder the move, due to start today, because they think it will simply lead to Mr Heseltine "cherry-picking" all favourable publicity for himself. One instance where this is al-

pened was in August, when a favourable report on the state of the British economy was

More than 600 charities will

hear today that they are to re-

ceive around £40m of lottery

money, but the Government has

found itself embroiled in fresh

controversy after revelations

that organisations represent-

ing asylum seekers in Britain will



f rich nations.

On his appointment as right-hand man to the Prime Minisof rich nations. to the OECD report was front-

Virginia Bottomley, the Sec-retary of State for National

Heritage, also fended off criti-

cism from Richard Branson

that the National Lottery was

being "driven not by fun but by greed" and had fallen into

"the same disrepute as the 'fat

issued by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), a club

its own ministers to discuss the contents with the media. er said to have been "surprised"

at Mr Heseltine's intervention. Other departments are said to have been similarly affected.

One Whitehall source said: "Heseltine has taken over as the person in charge of the Government's presentation of news. But he does not want to be known as the Minister for Banana Skins. Everything must go through him. [There is] a dan-ger that he will cherry-pick."

Camelot to organise the lottery, of sounding like a "disappoint-treatment and legal services. It

ter, Mr Heseltine made it clear

The National Lottery Char-

ities Board will this morning an-

nounce the first round of lottery handouts designed to tackle poverty. Among those expect-

ed by Mr Heseltine, although the Treasury had already lined up the Government's day-to-day Since July, has required every

Treasury ministers were lat- minister to inform him in advance of speeches, policy initiatives and other media-related events they are organising. Because it was simply done on paper and by phone, compiling the diary has tended to be haphazard, with some events being missed off the list.

The new computer system, installed at a cost of £80,000, links up every government de-partment with Mr Heseltine's office. Each will be required to have one member of staff to input their department's activities.

A final meeting of all those

treatment and legal services. It will receive £91,000.

said yesterday that a total of 627 charities tackling poverty in Britain will be awarded £40m

today. A further £120m of

A spokesman for the board

them about their new responsibilities, took place earlier this

However, one official said: "If it looks like Michael Heseltine is taking over the presentational functions of their departments and leaving them with the bad news or things of no consequence, some people will be upset. It will then be easy

for people to simply 'forget' to put things on the diary." A Cabinet Office spokes-woman yesterday confirmed that a new computer diary would be on-line as from Monday: "It is a computerisation of procedures that already exist between different departments."

Charities set to share in £40m lottery jackpot

ganisations throughout the UK working to alleviate poverty will benefit. The types of groups include those working with children, young people, the disabled, elderly ... and many others," the spokesman said.

Mrs Bottomley said the lottery had raised millions of tery had raised millions of pounds for worthy causes

## on economy

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancelfor, yesterday left the door open for tax cuts in next month's Budget with an upbeat appraisal of the economy in which low in-flation had trimmed the costs of delivering public services. In a determined bid to dampen down speculation that he

might cut taxes by the equiva-

lent of 2p off basic rate income tax, the Chancella repeated that there would be no tax cuts if the country could not afford it, "if it is not the public interest".

He are admitted on BBC1's Break as with, Frost that borrowing had been higher than he would have liked, while VAT would have liked, while VAT revenues had fallen through low inflation. But he said that com-

pared with his first two Budgets. the third one ... I'm looking forward to, because we are on our way to being a very successful enterprise economy". Mr Clarke will want to deliv-

er something on Budget day. A National Opinion Poll survey for the Sunday Times showed Labour with a 30-point lead and

ground. Warning of tighter controls on public spending. Mr Clarke stressed that successful economies were low-spend, lowtax ones. "You have to control public spending without doing actual damage to key public services ... without damaging the welfare state in its essentials." Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary

Tony Blair capturing the centre

of State for Health, meanwhile played down the prospect of his department picking up a larger share of the costs of caring for elderly people. "I think that individuals ... should accept responsibility for caring for themselves at the end of their lives. I also think the state should support those who are unable to pay that bill for themselves ... there should be proper arrangements to encourage individuals to plan to meet that cost."

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said any tax cuts would be a political sweetener.

For the first time Ken Clarke has been forced to admit that borrowing will be higher than predicted and tax revenues have dropped because of a faltering economy," he said.



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Sir Kingsley Amis: This 'Angry Young Man' of the Sixties retained his passion for literature up until his death yesterday

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His critics labelled him an rascible hard-drinking, misogynist whose politics were somewhere right of Attila the Hun's. But last night, those who loved and admired Sir Kingsley Amis concentrated on his literary achievement, his honesty, unpretentiousness, his "tremendous sense of fun".

"Kingsley loved to provoke people with his opinions," said Eric Jacobs, his biographer and friend, who insisting people misunderstood the trait.
He thought that if you were going to be right wing, there was no point in being half hearted about it. People were always laughing when he was about. That was a lifelong

Kinglsey Amis, in fact, started out on the political left. That was unsurprising considering his background. He was born in 1922 and raised in Norbury, an undistinguished suburb of south London, in a lower middle class home.

His father was an office clerk. After a grammar school scholarship, the clever young Kingsley won another scholarship to Oxford, where he read English at St John's Col-

lege. He was always proud of his roots and, as an outsider, developed fiercely independent views on literature and society. He became labelled one of the 'Angry Young Men" in the 1950s after his novel Lucky Jim satirised the manners and bourgeois values of the day.

He believed the social élite excluded the masses from culture, and confessed he always felt awkward with the highbrow upper class dons he mixed with for the two years he taught at Cambridge before leaving to become a full time

But by the late 1960s Amis was already moving right. He ended up one of the right's strongest defenders.

Some critics regard the 1950s as his heyday but Amis continued to write and impress until the end. In 1986, he was awarded the Booker Prize for The Old Devils.

This year alone, he published two novels and finished a book on English language us-

other novel when he died. Mr Bill and Coronation Street. He Jacobs said he managed all that without giving up his daily sessions in London's Garrick Club. He was, said Mr Jacobs, 'driven" to write.

Some suggested Amis was jealous of his son Martin's literary success and that he had not read any of his novels. Martin, on the other hand, greatly admired his father and had read all his books.

Mr Jacobs said yesterday that there probably had been a bit of jealousy but that Amis had also been proud of his son, with whom he formed a unique

literary dynasty. What may have been at the root of any resentment was a fear that his son's distinctive style might affect his own.

He thought if you were going to be right wing there was no point being half-

hearted about it 9

"He used to get rather irritat-ed because he thought Martin was having an adverse effect on him," said Mr Jacobs. "He said he wished Martin would just write something simple like 'He finished his drink and left the bar'.

"He thought Martin always had to make his sentences work harder, and that reading Martin would encourage him to make his sentences work harder. But he also said to me that if people were still reading books in 50 years time they would probably see him and Martin as twigs on the same branch.

But if Amis really did not read Martin, neither did he favour any of his contemporaries. In fact, he found little to recommend modern literature, which he dismissed as pretentious or snobbish, and most evenings preferred to reread old favourites, such as Christopher Isherwood, Evelyn Waugh, Anthony Powell and George MacDonald Fras-

Reading usually followed and was working on an- his favourite programmes, The always believed that books had to be engrossing enough to compete with the lure of popular culture.

Amis was a man of tremendous habit who travelled little overseas and did not believe that foreign countries broadened the mind. Every week day he could be found "hunching at the Garrick Club, in central London.

Every Saturday innobtime he was in the same local onb and every Sunday in Odette's, a restaurant in Primrose Hill, north London.

The living arrangements in the last 15 years of the life of this man of habit surprised many. After he split up with his second wife, novelist Elizabeth Jane Howard, with whom he eloped in 1964 and lived with for 16 years, he moved back in with his first wife Hillary Bradwell and her husband Lord Kilmarnock in Primrose Hill.

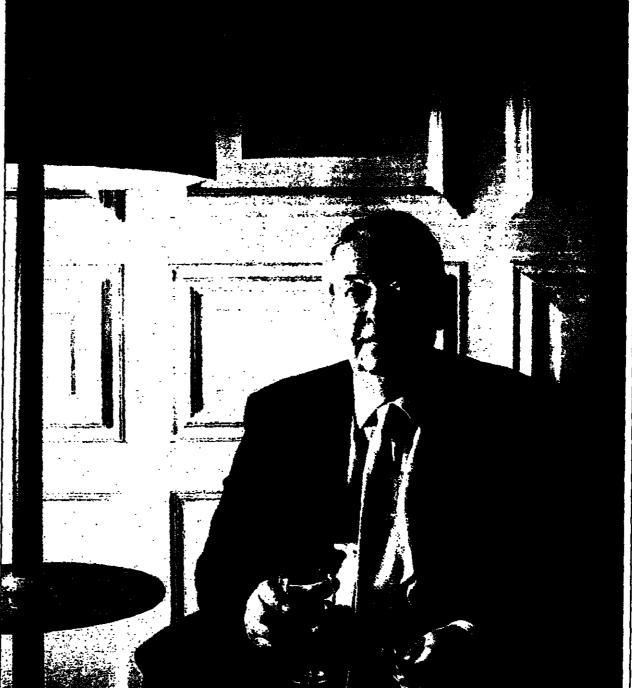
The arrangement was unusual - Hilly acted as housekeeper to Amis - but it seemed to suit all concerned. It was said that Amis had been lonely on his own in his large ome in nearby Hampstead.

Among the many phobias he confessed to in his 1991 memoirs were fear of the dark and of being alone. Ferocious drinking and womanising were said to have blighted his mar-

Amis's reputation for misogyny grew out of his books and public utterances. Jacobs thinks it is exaggerated but admits: "He did have a view over a considerable period of time that women talked a lot to cover up the fact they had nothing to say."

But bores of any sex seemed to annoy him most and the Garrick is littered with people who know he did not suffer fools gladly. Asked if Amis died a happy and fulfilled man, Jacobs answers: "No, but don't ask me why. Part of the reason was the loneliness of the profession he chose. He used to say he would quite like to have been a journalist.

"He preferred journalists. writers and publishers to the academics he met in the early part of his life. He loved



Obituary, page 16 Unfulfilled: Amis was not a happy man, partly because of the loneliness of his profession Photograph: Rex Features

Literary genius whose wit was wicked

Jim Dixon, the accidentprone provincial university ecturer in Lucky Jun, may have been Kingsley Amis's funniest creation. The newel which was published in 1954 helped create the genre of the campus novel later taken up by David Lodge and Malcolm Bradbury

In this extract, Dixon wakes up with a hangover:

"Dixon was alive again. Consciousness was upon him before he could get out of the way; not for him the slow, gracious wandering from the halls of sleep, but a summary forcible ejection. He lay sprawled, too wicked to move, spewed up like a broken spider-crab on the tarry shingle of the morning The light did him harm, but not as much as looking at things did; he resolved, having done it once, never to move his eyeballs again. A dusty thudding in his head made the scene before him beat like a pulse. His mouth had been used as a latrine by some small creature of the night, and then as its mausoleum. During the night, too, he'd somehow been on a cross-country run and then been expertly beaten up by secret police. He felt bad."

Dixon also enjoys elaborate gurning:

"He thought what a pity it was that all his faces were designed to express rage or loathing. Now that something had happened that really deserved a face, he'd none to celebrate it with. As a kind of token,

### The pragmatic entertainer who said the unsayable



In the preface to his 1987 collection of stories Einstein's Monsters, Martin Amis explains how he once tried to interest his celebrated father, Kingsley, in the plight of the whale. He exined how the giant mammals had become an endangered species, how they were hunted down for profit by Japanese and Scandinavian harpoon ships, and how, worst of all, their noble carcasses were flayed and used in the manufacture of rubber good and cosmetics."

I don't know," mused Kingsley. "It seems rather a good way of ... using up whales.

The tone is unmistakable, its dry, unsentimental pragmatism wedded to a relish for saying the unsavable. In a writing career that spanned more than 40 years, Amis trained his poohpoohing scorn on targets of bewildering diversity: from pop music to the Reformation, from Swansea to psychotherapy, from Yevrushenko to the way people pronounce "corned beef".

If he was not actually a hater on a grand scale (he always seemed to me too sentimental to be a convincing hater) he was at least one of the century's preat piss-takers. And if the pretexts for his educated bile sometimes seemed a little obscure, just watching (or reading) him in action was a terrific sideshow to the business of literature.

He started out as a poet, loosely connected to the writers

John Walsh, Literary Editor, charts the career of Amis, from poet to satirist

Larkin, Donald Davie, DJ Eningly entertai right - whose in-your-face demotic and thetorical bluntness suited his stroppy, south-London muse. But, as the publication of Lucky Jim revealed in 1954, his true metier lay in creating fictional characters upon whom the phoney modern world impinges a little too much.

His debut novel is full of scenes of cumulative hilarity: a madrigal concert at the ludicrous Professor Welch's home, Jim Dixon's awful discovery, on waking, that he has burnt a hole in his hostess's sheets, the. drunken lecture that is interrupted by an accomplice throwing a fit. With its verbal tics and physical grotesqueries, this is heartless comedy that derives from Waugh and Firbank, but with a confiding, modern relish for abuse. It may be seen as morally inspired, or as driven by the emsperation a lower-middle-class hero feels for his alleged betters. The Fifties media preferred the latter explanation and so the "Angry Young Men"

feminism, into targets of paro-dy, and Jake's Thing, in partic-ular, offers a coldly passionate, long-stewed litany of misogyphenomenon was born-Amis's subsequent books
That Uncertain Feeling, Take a Girl
Like You, I Want It Here, Girl, 20, nistic dislike in its penultimate paragraph. His next novel, Stanley and the Women, got him One Fat Englishman - pursued the banned in America. same idiom of disgust (at provincial adultery, Sixties swingers, foreign parts, literary reputations, persons in authority, American

the persona of Amis's later years - the crusty curmudgeon, flooring Scotches after breakfast, etting the world to rights with sycophantic chums in the Gar-rick Club, half in love with Baroness Thatcher, anti-women, ingly entertaining, but more for their local effects, their tricks and anti-welfare, anti-Évrope. works of art. (All I can remem-The image was hard to gain-

ber of One Fat Englishman, for say but it was not the whole truth. I met Sir Kingsley half-a-dozen times, and was struck by his keenance, is the way the awful Roger Micheldene, in mid-screw, mentally declines hic-base-hoc to stop himself climaxing). ness to engage with strangers. Rather than lay down the law. After turning to genre fiction (the ghost story in *The Green Man*, alternative world historical fiction in *The Alteration*, the he would demand your opinion: if it differed from his own, he would seek to change your mind rather than bully. He was always friendly, slightly alarming, end-lessly entertaining. whodanit in The Riverside Villas Murder), Amis was clearly getting stuck for subjects. From this

ermna he wrote (after Martial)

a brilliant squib, Advice to a

Writer: "That time you heard the

archbishop fart/You did quite

right to say?/And should the

ploughboy turn gold/The news

would make our day /But when

the ploughboy farts hence-

forth/Forget about it, eb?"
The solution was to turn his

own fear of impotence and his

increasing exasperation with

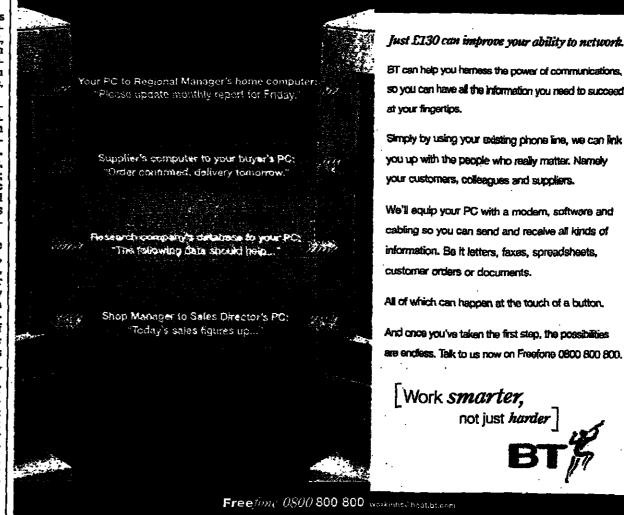
What had started out as the

parodic voice of intolerant Eng-

He was an odd mixture of the engaged and the dismissive the strident and the vulnerable a man who cared greatly for friends and books and loyalty but affected to be beyond such things. He was genuinely concerned in 1990 that readers of his wonderfully bitchy Memoirs were shocked by his scurrilous stories about his best friend, Philip Larkin

He was a moralist in a minor key, more concerned that people should say "tinned peaches: and not "tin peaches", than that they should worry about nuclear disarmament. This may be why his novels will probably be best remembered as records of their time - the foolish and phoney behaviour patterns of 40 years, as seen by an intemperate, don't give-me-that spectator.

### A successful business is a well connected business ]



Green and pleasant Britain: Tree-planting bids to be announced today give fresh impetus to regeneration of old mining areas

### **National Forest** dream moves towards reality

NICHOLAS SCHOON Environment Correspondent

The winning bids in Britain's first tree planting auction will be announced today, signalling the creation of a county-sized National Forest in the scarred. unleafy landscapes of the north

If all goes according to plan, today will be remembered as the time when the forest ceased to be a work of pure imagination and started the long process towards becoming millions of mature trees.

21 bidders who tendered the and you've got to wait 20 years lowest fees for planting and maintaining trees on farmland. They were chosen by the National Forest Company, the tiny state-owned firm which has the job of getting 66 square miles of new woodland planted on a shoestring budget - hopefully by 2010.

Ambitious plans for a large new forest in England, one of Europe's most treeless nations. were announced in 1989 by Chris Patten, then Secretary of State for the Environment.

The site, sprawling across parts of Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire north of Birmingham, was designated in 1990. It covers almost 200 square miles, but the aim is to have trees on just under one-

The landscape has been ripped open by clay extraction and opencast coal mining and the local economy hit hard by the closure of all its deep mines. Only 3 per cent is tree-covered, well below the English

The rate of new planting since 1990 has been painfully slow, with only one-fifth of a square mile of saplings planted. At that rate it would take more than 200 years for the forest to be created.

While the idea of the forest was warmly supported by local councils and the public, its most

important potential backers this new deciduous plantation were unimpressed. These were the local farmers, who saw no their land. Their only incentive was the standard tree planting grant, available across most of the country, of up to £1,013

access to the pines. "We're cautious about public access be-

with vandalism, but we also re-

committed themselves to plant-

ing trees on 570 acres. The Na-

tional Forest Company hopes to get a Government grant to re-

peat the auction each year and

and the sums available.

a year will be planted. Much will

coal and clay workings being af-forested, as well as from farm-

than half accomplished and the

area will resemble a young,

open forest. With it, hopefully,

will come new industries and

jobs in tourism and timber.

walk through it?

land planting.

"Frankly it was a commercial disaster to plant trees on the kind of mainstream farmland we've got round here," said John Stanley, who farms in Charnwood, to the east of the

ature trees. "Putting trees in immedi-The winners are the 16 out of ately halves the value of the land or more until you've got a commercial timber crop. We've got to make a living from our land. We like to plant a few here and there to improve the look of our land. But when it came to covering entire fields, forget it."

The auction scheme made him change his mind. He has submitted one of the winning bids and by the end of March he will be have put down 21 acres of trees on his 1,400 acre

Exactly what each of the 16 winners is being paid is a secret. But the average works out at £1,740 an acre – nearly double what is available under the standard tree planting grants which the winners will also be receiving.
It is the first time there has

been such an auction in Britain and £1m is being paid out. The Government chose this approach believing it would be the most cost-effective way of getting trees planted.

"We'll suck it and see," said Mr Stanley. "The bid I put in just about covers what I'll lose from taking the arable land out of production." Half of his 15.000 saplings will be fast growing Corsican Pine for softwood production, with the remainder consisting of native hardwoods - oak, cherry, holly

He will create footpaths in

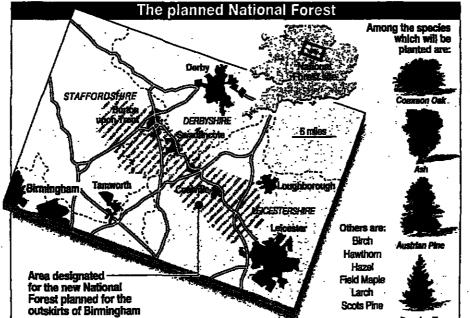


Change of heart: The farmer John Stanley in Cademan Woods, Leicestershire. He has bid for grants to plant

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### Britain looks to turn new leaf

The British love trees and want many more of them, for they would improve the looks and spirit of one of Europe's barest countrysides. We have just 10 per cent woodland cover compared to France's 27 per cent, writes Nicholas Schoon.

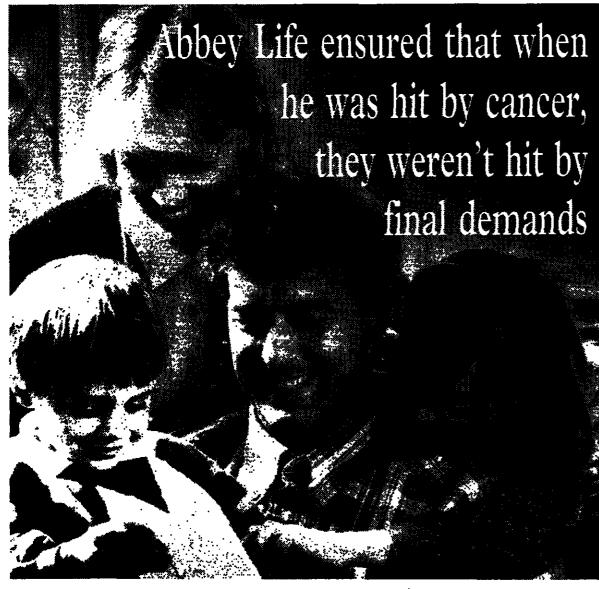
It is not just a matter of ap-pearances. Our native hardwoods and conifers provide excellent wildlife habitats and wood for a nation which imports 90 per cent of its timber. But by the end of the First World War tree cover had fallen to 5 per cent. Since then, the Government has offered tree-planting grants to support mainly drab conifer forests on poor soils, or on bleak mountainsides unfit for farming. Alien conifers like the Sitka Spruce grew fast into the most commercial timber crop.

Both the Government and the public now want broadleaved natives like the oak and ash to be planted on lowlands, near to towns and cities where people can walk among them. More than a dozen community forests are being grown. The aim is to hide old mineral workings and derelict industrial sites scattered around big cities, and

to beautify the urban fringe. Until this year, the grants available barely covered the costs of planting, giving farmers little incentive to devote land to trees rather than to livestock and crop production. But in June this year the European Union's farm ministers agreed to allow saplings to be planted on cropland entered into the Common Agricultural Policy's set-aside scheme. This move,

long lobbied for by Britain, boosts the guaranteed income that tree-planting farmers can get from the taxpayer. The Government is also encourag-ing forestry for fuel, with wood ing burnt in pilot power stations as a renewable alternative to fossil fuels.

The road to a sylvan Britain may not be altogether smooth, however; the public will want to visit the new forests, but landowners seek limited access - and uses must be found for the new hardwood. Many lowland woods are neglected because the industries they once supplied have largely vanished. Britain needs to rebuild these markets, or find alternatives, if its new woodlands are to provide more than scenery and wildlife habitats.



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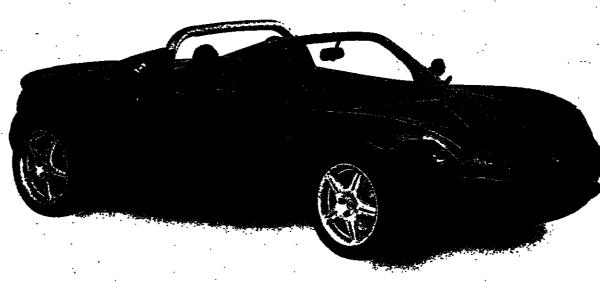
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### Demolition threat to industrial landmark

#### ROGER DOBSON

A factory described as one of Britain's most important post-war industrial buildings is threatened with demolition.

An application is being made this week to pull down the former Duniop factory at Bryn-mawr, Gwent, a Grade II\* listed building, which was not only built to a revolutionary design between 1946 and 1951, but was also conceived as a way of fundamentally improving work-

place conditions for employees. The huge domed building, designed by an architect's co-op-erative, became a mecca for the world's leading architects, in-cluding Frank Lloyd Wright. The 207,000 sq ft factory, which has been empty since 1982, was built of reinforced concrete and the roof consists of nine huge domes with circular holes

acting as skylights.

The application by the receivers controlling the factory site to demolish the building Welsh heritage agency, de-scribed it in a new guide to the best buildings in Wales as one of the top seven modern build-

ings of the principality.

The Twentieth Century Society, one of 50 objectors to demolition, says the building is unique. The buildings are recognised as socially, technically and aesthetically innova-tive and built to a brief which required a new attitude to industrial management, and working conditions.

The architects were idealistic and aimed at a new standards for industrial building.

"It captivated a generation of architects and has been com-pared to St Paul's Cathedral and the Royal Festival Hall. It remains a beautiful and impressive space and its significance as an experiment in industrial democracy remains.

Architect Richard Parnaby said: "It was very innovative at a time when most factories were unheated sheds. It had only one entrance so that all

grades had to go in the same way. It also had only one restaurant for managers and workers. There were medical facilities, and the whole place was

built for the people using it."

The building has been unused since 1982 and several proposals for an alternative use have

The Save Britain's Heritage group also opposes demolition and points out that it was the first post-war building in Britain to be listed. The group de-scribes its status as "of in-ternational repute" and suggests that an application could be made for lottery man-ey to help revitalise the site. The application to demolish

and replace it with housing and shops, made by the receivers acting for two companies, goes before Blachau Gwent Borough Council on Thursday, A report says "demolition should be recommended to the Secretary of State for approval to-

### Goldsmith behind bid to unseat Chancellor

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

Bizarre new Conservative divisions over Europe emerged yesterday after Sir Alan Walters, former economic adviser to Margaret Thatcher, announced his intention to fight Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, for his Rushcliffe seat as a candidate for the party set up by billion-aire financier Sir James

Mr Clarke, who holds the Nottinghamshire constituency with a 19,766 majority, declared that arch Euro-sceptic Sir Alan. who helped bring about Nigel Lawson's resignation as Chan-cellor in 1989, did not live in the real world, while other Tory MPs joined Mr Clarke in condemning the entire Referendum Party enterprise as one that could let in Labour or the Liberal Democrats in marginal seats by splitting the Conservative vote.

The immense wealth of Sir James, elected as an MEP last year for L'Autre Europe, the po-litical grouping he chairs, has enabled him to pour thousands of pounds into his new British party. At the next election it plans to fight in every mainland constituency where Tory and Labour candidates have not publicly supported calls for a referendum on Britain's links with Europe, and says that a fur-



Sir Alan Walters: aims to

ther crop of high-profile figures are among the 1,500 people who have put their names forward as candidates.

Sir James lives in France and Mexico, while Sir Alan spends most of his time in America. But among those likely to resent such foreign interierence are those with equally Euro-sceptic views.

A warning was even sound-ed by Gerald Howarth, the Thatcherite former MP who is standing for ultra-safe Aldershot at the next election and whose PR firm, Taskforce Communications, is acting for Sir James through fellow director Patrick Robertson, former secretary of the anti-Brussels

Bruges Group.

Mr Howarth declared that recent interference by the European Court of Justice, such as on prescription charges for men at 60, was unacceptable, adding: People must understand that this is not some abstract issue. What the Conservative party must do ... is continue to demonstrate its commitment to opposing federalism. The next Conservative government should rule out a single currency." A move to oppose the Government could play into the very hands of those prepared to concede surrender of control of national affairs, he said.

Sir James' move has also provoked the anger of Alan Sked, the leader of the far less financially well-endowed UK Independence Party, which se-cured 157,000 votes in last year's European Parliament elections. Dr Sked, another founder-member of the Bruges Group has accused Sir James of wanting to remain within a EU protected by high tariff barriers and has dismissed as barry his foray into British politics.

Sir Alan's choice of Kenneth Clarke's constituency - which he has a virtually nil chance of winning - appears little more than symbolic, but is calculated to cause maximum embarrassment to John Major, who is not firmly committed either way to a referendum, and Mr Clarke, who is opposed.

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#### DAILY POEM Two Views of the City

By Lawrence Sail

The first, optically false but true - the vertical, the image of the thematic mapper sensor dear God, you think, and how could anyone live in such a vascular wilderness, when the river is already more black than blue, and seems to cringe away from the land? And then, the land itself, dyed into patterns of heat and bruised blue . .

The second, horizontal – you squint across the roofs to more walls and more roofs, and then more walls – but everywhere, the windows march along and up and down, sucking the poor day in.
The sunlight that strikes the occasional blank surface is the last. If you wanted a proof of madness, you know it is here, in the angles which finally cannot hold.

Lawrence Sail was born in London in 1942 and brought up in the West Country. A freelance writer and broadcaster, he has published seven collections of poems, including Out of Land: New and Selected Poems, published in 1992 by Bloodaxe in 1992. He was awarded a Hawthornden Fellowship in 1992, and an Arts Council Writer's Bursary in 1993. This poem appears in his latest collection, Building Into Air, published by Bloodland some an extra 2p a litre at the pumps. Down from a maximum of 49.9p to 47.9p a litre for unleaded petrol. Offer ends on 25th November 1995.

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### Green campaigns chief looks to the cold-blooded touch



Remember Friends of the Earth? This year, the green pressure group has been almost totally eclipsed in the media's universe by Greenpeace, thanks to its rival's campaigning over the Brent Spar and French nuclear testing.

But the chairperson of Green-peace International's advisory board, Uta Bellion, has just taken up a new post as Friends of the Earth's London-based campaigner-in-chief. The green world reckons it to be one of the most interesting appointments in years, and a hopeful sign for FoE, which has about 180,000 paying

has lived in Lewes, East Sussex, for eight years, has a tough act to follow. FoE's last campaigns director was Andrew Lees, who died from heart failure in a Madagascar jungle on New Year's Eve while preparing a campaign against strip mining.
Then, to add to the problems, several of its most senior and tal-

Ms Bellion, a German who

ented campaigners moved on. Ms Bellion says she admired Mr Lees's work but will do the job differently, not getting involved in the minutiae of

Friends of the Earth has an influential new recruit. Nicholas Schoon reports

blooded, strategic thinking about our overall campaigning."

She will play to FoE's claimed strengths - meticulous, good research, close involvement with its 250 local groups and their 10,000 hard-core activists, credible evidence on environmental problems and their solutions to public inquiries, Parliament and the Government.

FoE reckons to perform better on these fronts than Greenpeace. Ms Bellion agrees, although she diplomatically re-frains from mentioning Greenpeace's recent admission that it got its estimate for the crude oil content of the Brent Spar hopelessly wrong. "Greenpeace is there to raise hell," she said. "We want to be more on the

ground, more solid." Ms Bellion, 39, was anxious to go back to campaigning after six years acting as "an internal diplomat and engineer on Greenpeace International's board. An engineer? "Yes, be-

campaigning. "What I would cause Greenpeace had grown hope to bring in is very cold very quickly, so a lot of strain very quickly, so a lot of strain was being put on the foundations and they began to crack. It took a lot of work figuring out

how to fix it." She has an MSc in civil engineering and, before joining Greenpeace Germany as a salaried campaigner, she did research on processing industrial waste and sewage effluent.

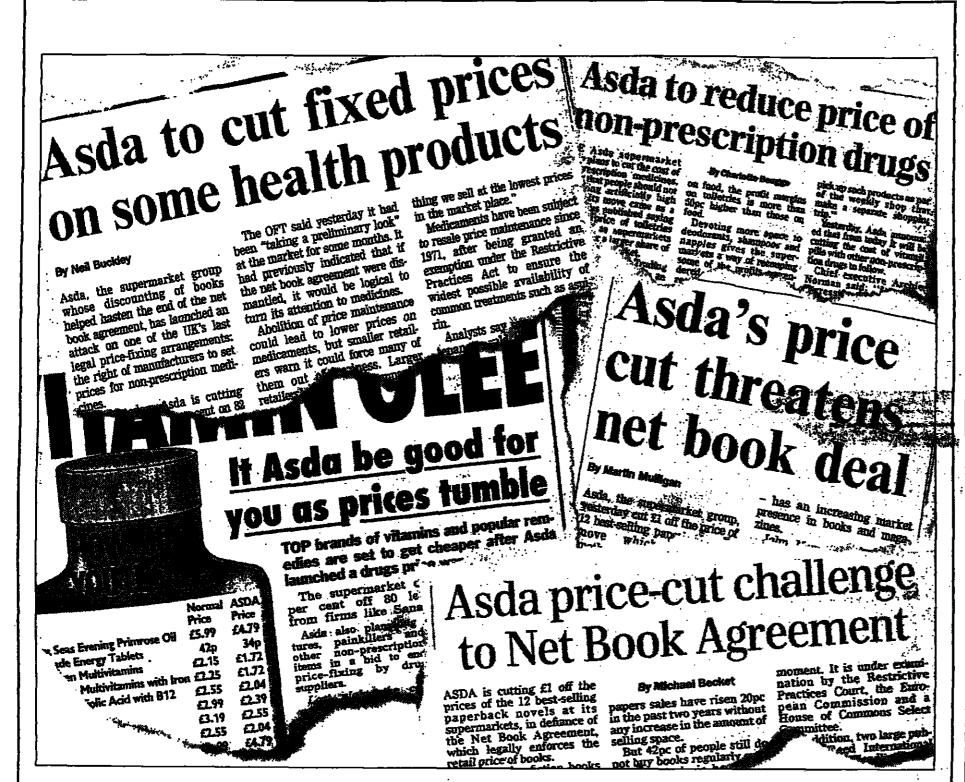
She came to distrust industry, convinced that firms commissioned research largely because it bought them several years in which to continue polluting at unacceptable levels while re-

ceiving government grants. But she was a radical and green long before then. She started to become aware of environmental issues at the age of seven and, in the late 1960s, the 12-year-old Uta von Strünck set up her own local children's group to protest against Third World famine and poverty. Today, she is a deep green whose ideal is for environmental campaigners to work themselves out of a job. "I'd rather see more of my son and my husband," she says. "I'm not so interested in material things, and I think a lot of work is done just to pay for stuff which isn't really necessary. like new cars.

Her husband is Mike Bellion. a mechanical engineer and ex-Greenpeace campaigner, who lives with Uta and their son Danny, and looks after a workshop at their home where he repairs machinery.

She wishes there was an influential, electable green party in Britain, as there is in Germany. One reason she took the job at Friends of the Earth was because its executive director Charles Secrett has decided FoE should campaign for proportional representation in order to give the move-

ment more electoral clout. Though she admires many British characteristics, Ms Bellion does not admire Britain's government which, she says, has a dismal record on international environmental issues. "They hang on and try to slow things down but, in the end, they always have to give in and change anyway. It's so silly."



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### Aids expert warns of new threat

STEVE CONNOR Science Correspondent

A strain of HIV that is spreading fast among the prostitutes and other sex workers of South East Asia may be more prone to transmission between men and women than strains found in the UK, according to an Aids scientist who warns of the dan-

ger to Western heterosexuals. Thailand, which has seen a dramatic rise in the number of men and women infected with HTV since the late 1980s, has come under intense scrutiny because there appear to be two epidemics, one among heterosexuals and one among intravenous drug users.

Whereas less than 10 per cent . Dr Esser scheory, however, of HIV transmissions in the does not entirely fit with other where it is estimated that as heterosexual spread of the virus many as 1 million men and in Africa, where there are many women out of the population of different subtypes other than E, 60 million are HIV positive.

An analysis of the genetics of of HIV is also common in amples of HIV taken from dif-Brazil and South America. erosexuals in Thailand are predominately infected with a which is also the main subtype found in the US and Europe.

Harvard School of Public Health, believes he has found evidence for believing that subtype E is more readily trans-mitted during heterosexual sex, whereas subtype B is more prone to being passed on dur-ing anal sex. This, he said, could explain why the HIV epidemic in the West is predominantly among gay men.

His evidence is based on test-tube studies showing that subtype E more readily infects cells lining the vagina and the tip of the penis than subtype B. The corollary is that if sub-

type E should gain a foothold in Britain, then heterosexual transmission of HTV could see a similar dramatic increase.

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## Death row appeals spark crisis for justice

Home Affairs Correspondent

The fate of eight men whose executions have been halted by a British Court is threatening a constitutional crisis in the Com-

The Privy Council – the final Court of Appeal for about 16 Commonwealth countries - has stayed the imminent execu- ceding his 13-page judgement, tions of the eight on Belize's he said he had received "divine

whose murder convictions were reduced to manslaughter.

Norman Conquest, the Privy Council became, at the height But in an extraordinary rulof the British Empire, the most ing last month, Belize's Chief powerful court in the world. But Justice, Sir George Brown, now the Law Lords who make maintained the Privy Council's up its judicial committee deal intervention was unlawful, thus with only about 130 cases a year paving the way for the men's from both dependent and inexecutions. What is worrying human rights lawyers is that pre-

dependent territories While many in the Commonwealth have come to view the Privy Council as a kind of

European Court in Strasbourg sits in judgement on the UK, governments in such countries as Belize, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago are increasingly viewing it as an interfering relic of colonialism. They believe that the British judges are too far removed from the reality of

life in the Caribbean. The issue of capital punish ment has brought matters to a

to please voters who support

Over the years, the Privy Council has saved hundreds of lives throughout the Commonwealth territories. Belize is one of those inde-

pendent countries which is currently seeking to amend its constitution and abolish appeals to London. But to do so, the ruling United Democratic

in the same way that the with high crime levels and quarters majority in Parliament European Court in Strasbourg to please voters who support and with only a slim majority, it is unlikely to succeed. Until its does, the Privy Council main-

tains the rule of law. In August, the Belize gov-ernment tried unlawfully and in secret to execute two of the eight men, who had already given notice of their intention to appeal to the Privy Council. It was only after frantic transatlantic calls and the direct in-Party needs to secure a three-tervention of the British High

tions were prevented. But that intervention

prompted the Chief Justice to act. Citing a pre-independence proclamation, he claimed the Law Lords in London were unlawfully and unconstitutionally accepting appeals out of

The Privy Council has been made aware of the situation and has been in touch with the Belizian authorities, indicating

that the stays on executions must remain. The Foreign Office said only that it was aware duture clas

of the situation. But the men's lawyers fear the authorities will proceed with the hangings, prompting

others to follow suit. Trinidad and Tobago attracted international condemnation for hanging a prisoner last year, in defiance of the Privy

### 'Interfering anachronism' gives hope among squalor

**Heather Mills** reports on Belize's challenge to the Privy Council

Outside Belize's death row, the steach from the open running sewer is overpowering. Inside. the 10 men sentenced to the gallows battle with flies and mosquitoes attracted by the stink.

For 23-and-a-half hours a day, they are confined to the cells, which open on to the sewer. Some who now share the cells - the top floor of a concrete block of the Hattiville prison outside Belize City - are sleeping on the floor. They rely on family and visiting charities to supplement their basic bread and water prison diet.

That is how it was last 22 August, when the monotonous calm of the "row" was suddenly broken by the serving of execution warrants on two of the inmates. Pasquai Bull and Herman Mejia were about to hang at 8am on 25 August - the first to be executed in Belize for 10 years. Yet both had given notice of appeal to the Privy Council in London, and that should have meant an automatic stay on execution, pending their

appeals.

The warrants sent panic throughout death row. No less that eight were intending to take their cases to London.

Bull and Mejia, both convicted of murder, were not allawyers. They were taken out, before the first execution. weighed and measured for the



were given the last rites at 7am. But Belize is a small place with about 190,000 people and, unknown to the men, word of their imminent death had got out. Mejia's family had heard the news from the local gravedigger the evening before the planned execution and lawyers were alerted.

It began a frantic night of telephone calls and faxes between the men's lawyers in Belize and London, the Privy Council and the territory's law

The Privy Council issued a stay but throughout the night efforts to relay the news to the Attorney General were thwarted. He had not returned calls, and fax machines appeared to have been switched off. It was only when the British High Commissioner in Belize personally tracked him down, that the executions were called off. lowed to alert their families or It was at 7.30am - 30 minutes

But the intervention raised

) Galway

regarding Privy Council interventions as "unlawful" and lawyers and opposition groups fearful for the consequences for human rights and lack of checks on any abuse of power in the independent territory.

Last month, Sir George

Brown, the Chief Justice of Belize, said that the Privy Council had been acting outside its powers and the government need not abide by its rulings. That could have fatal consequences for the men on death row. Four currently have appeals pending before the Law

Lords in London who make up the Privy Council, claiming they are the victims of a miscarriage of justice. Four others, including Bull and Mejia, are seeking leave to appeal. Yesterday Saul Lehrfreund, a lawyer from Simons, Muirhead and Burton, which repre-

sents seven of the eight in London, said: "I am extremely concerned about the well-being of our clients, whose constitu-"drop", and on the morning of the threat of a constitutional cri-tional right to life and the prothe planned execution, they sis with the Belize government tection of the law could be court of appeal now view it as

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The men include Alfred Coddington, 34, convicted in 1993 of shooting Winston Moguel dead in the street and served with a death warrant last December. Coddington was never called to give evidence and his defence of provocation and self defence - he claims Mr Moguel attacked him as he cycled by were never put to the jury.

Another is Ellis Taibo, convicted in 1992 of killing Gill Oborn, a voluntary worker. He maintains he had an alibi for the night of the killing and the only evidence against him appears to be a description of someone wearing similar

Mejia and Bull have both. been convicted of double The government resentment of the Privy Council is not unique to Belize. Some of the

16 countries which still retain

the Privy Council as the final

an interfering anachronism, far

from their experiences. With an electorate favouring capital punishment to combat crime, the governments resent the Law Lords in the Privy Council, who have reprieved many sentenced to death, including hundreds throughout the commonwealth in one landmark ruling which banned the execution of anyone detained for more than five years.

Last year Trinidad and Tobago attracted international condemnation for executing Glen Ashby at the same time as a Privy Council order for stay

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of execution was being faxed safeguard. Many dependent Belize's death row hope that removed in miles and culture through from London. A recent commission of inquiry concluded he had been unlawfully

> Like Belize, some countries are now seeking to amend their constitution and divorce themselves from the Council.

However, according to Godfrey Smith, Secretary of the Bar in Belize, there is a strong belief among lawyers, human rights workers and others that until another final check or balance is in place - such as a court of appeal for the Caribbean, for example - the Privy Council is an essential

and independent territories are so small that getting a fair trial is difficult. Publicity means juries often come to cases with a fixed opinion, there is a fear of executive influence and, with no legal aid, the best lawyers are unlikely to take on the life and-

The Chief Justice's ruling is being challenged in both the Belize courts and in the Privy Council. But in a move which

its jurisdiction continues to prevail. Mr Lehrfreund echoed the concerns of some lawyers in Belize, when he said: "I am extremely worried that the aujudgement of the Chief Justice as justification for the execution of those on death row - despite the lawful intervention of the Privy Council.
"Until Belize amends its con-

stitution to abolish appeals to concerns lawyers for the men on the Council, its own conduct death row, the little of the men of the council, its own conduct death row, the little of the men is refusing to atting Priville adopted by fire all its citizens, Council for the men of the me

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Condemned: Alfred Coddington (above) awaits the outcome of his appeal in Belize's crowded Hattiville jail (left)

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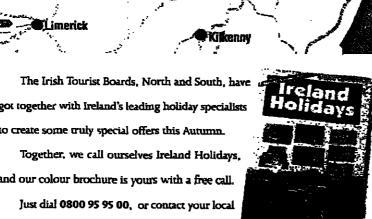
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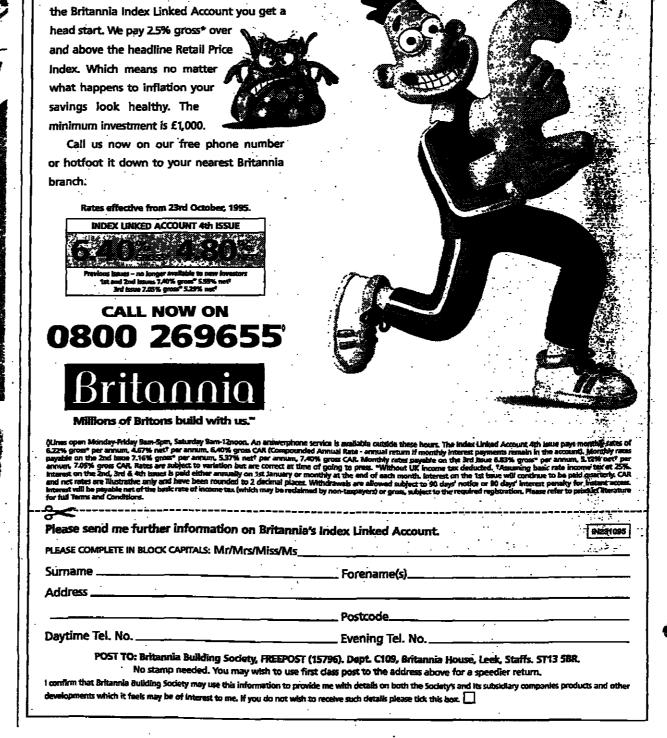


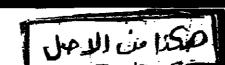


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## Culture clash of the catwalk Titans | Critical report

#### TAMSIN BLANCHARD

The contrast between the untamed and tasteless, and the po-lite and tasteful in British fashion design has never been more marked than on the London Fashion Show catwalks, This weekend, during London's biggest ever fashion collections - more than 30 designers officially showing on the catwalk we have seen the tame and conservative, as well as the wild and

Red or Dead, the streetwear label that is headed up by the waggish Wayne Hemingway, can always be relied upon to show the assembled gathering of press and buyers more than they bargained for.

Hemingway likes to tread on the thin ice of bad taste. Last season, there were politically correct tuts as dwarves took to the catwalk to carry the trane of a black leather dominatrix wedding dress. A few seasons before that, there was the clapboard man who marches up and down London's Oxford Street urging people to eat more pro-

But this season, following in the wake of the bad press that streetwise fashion magazine Dazed & Confused met by showing models licking sharp knives, there were lunatics let loose pulling blood-dripping knives, meat cleavers, sharpened scis-sors and pointed knitting needles out of their blood stained handbags, all trying to enact a particularly bloodthirsty scene of some Alfred Hitchcock film

There were also anti-nuclear Greenpeace banners pinned to the catwalk and a protest ball dress which looked like it had been coated in tar and pollution, topped off with next summer's must-have fashion accessory, a gas mask.

Red or Dead are not interested in being part of the fashion establishment and Hemingway tries his best to provoke the matt black, poe-faced, perfectly turned-out audience into some sort of reaction. He would like to see them laugh and treats his shows like a comedy sketch, a little of Carry On up the Catwalk, a bit slapstick and a few saucy postcards.

The comedian Roland Rivron can usually be relied upon to make an appearance as



Above: The Jean Muir Collection, hell bent on being civilised. Below, Red or Dead in distinctly impolite mood with, right, the anti-nuclear protester's fastion accessory – the gas mask

Photographs: Peter Macdiannid

he did in an ironic fashion moment of Eighties stone-washed jeans and Spanish holiday disco music. The problem is that the jokes can wear thin and fashion editors do not always find them finny.

Katharine Hamnett paved the way for the politicised fashion designer in the Eighties with her anti-pershing missile T-shirt, worn for the benefit of Margaret Thatcher. The designer returned to the London catwalks on Friday with trashy rockers in white thinestone leather, boys in make-up and feather boas and sequin spangled evening dresses - not po-litical but not polite either.

But at the other extreme, labels like Betty Jackson and Jean Muir Collection (the first since the late Miss Muir's death) are hell bent on producing clothes for ladies who do not go out on anti-pollution protests. Both showed their collections yesterday. The Jean Muir Collection was worn by models who mingled with guests who sipped champagne in an in-formally civilised atmosphere, fragrant with sweet-smelling flowers.





## into nuclear dump cut short

#### TOM WILKIE Science Editor

The nuclear industry has stopped the Government's pollution inspectorate from essing the long-term safety of the proposed underground waste repository near Sellafield,

The Independent on Sunday revealed exclusively yesterday that one HMIP assessment con-cluded that plutonium from the repository could heavily contaminate local drinking water, possibly exposing people to radiation doses 10,000 times the current limit. But the work was "prematurely ended" in September last year when funding

was withdrawn. A second HMIP report, on the movement of underground water from the repository back to the surface, casts further doubt on the robustness of Nirex's case for the safety of its proposed nuclear waste repository. Water movement is critical to safety because it may carry radioactive materials back to the surface to contaminate water supplies.

Tom Curtin, a Nirex spokesman, said: "All our indications

show that the water is going to come up out under the Irish Sea" where any radioactivity would be heavily diluted. However, computer modelling on behalf of HMIP "showed a plume of activity reaching the surface almost directly above the repository." according to the report pre-pared by RM Consultants.

In July, Nirex published a scientific report "stressing that the overall concept of the groundwater flow at the site is essentially a simple and natural one." Yet HMIP's consultants warn that scientists may not be able to analyse the safety of the repository because the situation

is too complex.

Although the research raises disturbing questions about the long-term safety of a repository it has been cut short. Under the Government's "the polluter pays" principle, the Treasury had refused to fund the required £1.34m and insisted that HMIP recover the costs of independently assessing Nirex's safety case from Nirex. In 1991, Nirex agreed to pay for the assessment work but in September last year it terminated the deal - even though some of the assessments were not complete.

Mr Curtin said: "Cost re-covery effectively comes into play when you make an application to discharge waste to a repository. At the moment we are applying for an investigatory facility, not to dispose of waste, so to say we 'pulled out' of the cost recovery agreement is to-

tally the wrong word."
This week the public inquiry into Nirex's proposals enters its second stage. Nirex wants to excavate a laboratory deep underground on the site of the repository to study the properties of the rocks, before moving

on to the repository itself.

Objectors to the project argue that the underground laboratory is premature. Going underground will inevitably disturb the patterns of groundwater flow, and without extensively monitoring the existing undisturbed patterns, the excavation of the laboratory "could fundamentally compromise the safety case for the repository", according to Patrick Green, of Friends of the Earth. "Our witnesses believe that there is five to seven years additional work to be done on the surface before you have established baseline conditions," he added.

### Foreign Office 'not flying flag'

#### **CHRIS BLACKHURST**

Westminster Correspondent

British diplomats are not flying the flag abroad by driving round in cars made in Britain, according to new figures released

In the last five years, the Foreign Office has spent £21m buying cars for its overseas missions. Since April 1990, according to Parliamentary answers supplied to Alan Milburn MP by Foreign Office minister Jeremy Hanley, 1,201 cars have been purchased. A majority, 676, were not bought in Britain but abroad.

They range from seven am-bassadorial Rolls-Royces, five Mercedes and 33 Jaguars to lowly Ladas and Skodas. Topping the list are Land-Rover (291) and Rover (129). But after that the British presence falls away. Japanese cars such as Mitsubishi (37) and Yamaha (30) are popular among British diplomats and Six Ladas have purchasing plans.

been acquired for posts in Moscow, Riga and Vilnius, while our man in Bratislava is driving round in a Skoda.

The Foreign Office, Mr Mil-burn said, "should be flying the flag for Britain's motor industry, not subsidising car producers in competitor countries". Mr Milburn, who sits on the Commons Public Accounts Select Committee, is writing to Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, to ask him to revise

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### Clinton's war on 'new perils'

DAVID USBORNE New York

President Bill Clinton told world leaders yesterday that the perils of the Cold War had been buried only to be replaced by terrorism and drugs. He urged joint action to combat these "scourges".

The first amongst some 140 world leaders to address the 50th anniversary session of the United Nations in New York. Mr Clinton proposed the negotiation of an international declaration committing world governments to fighting global all the speeches was the dire fi-

clude a common pledge to deny sanctuary to such criminals so that they would have "nowhere to run, nowhere to hide".

amid a smorgasbord of proposals and exhortations for improved world peace, security and equality made during the first of three days of celebra-tions. The Russian president, Boris Yeltsin, also signalled the convention of a "Third Peace Conference" in Moscow in 1999 to tackle regional conflicts proliferating after the Cold War.
The subtext running through

(£828m) of unpaid dues by the United States. The Secretary-General, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, called for an emergency Mr Clinton's remarks came session of the General Assembly early next year to work on

solving the crisis. The financial crisis is a symptom of a deeper problem: member states samply do not regard the UN as a priority. This is sad news to report to this com-memorative session," the Secretary-General said.

Unable simply to flourish a cheque for the missing funds because of deep antipathy to funding the UN in Congress, Mr money. He asked in return for proof of genuine progress on fundamental reform of the organisation.

The UN must be able to show that the money it receives supports saving and enriching people's lives, not unneeded overheads." But pledging his own support for the UN and its goals, he concluded: "We still need the UN. And so, for another 50 years and beyond, you can count the United States in."

On global crime, Mr Clinton announced several unilateral

Capitol Hill on producing the money-laundering by drugs barons as well as action to tackle front companies for the cartels. The US, he said, had decided to freeze the assets of the Cali cartel. Of the moneylaunderers he said: "We carnot allow them to wash the blood of profits from the sale of drugs, from terror or organised

> Mr Yeltsin appealed for a new emphasis on using the Se curity Council as the principal forum for resolving conflicts. He made specific reference to Russian displeasure at the role

tributed in particular to \$1.3bn Clinton vowed only to work with identify countries that tolerate ing an end to the war in Bosnia. "It is inadmissible for a regional organisation to make decisions as to the mass use of force, bypassing the Security Council,"

The Russian president also reiterated his opposition to the proposed eastward expansion of Nato, asking instead for the creation of a new all-European security organisation. "The question is an extremely acute one: either such a system should be established for all Europe, or, as in the past, for the selected few. The strengthening of one bloc today means a new

### ato bogge Algeria pulls out of Chirac meeting

MARY DEJEVSKY DAVID USBORNE

A full-scale diplomatic row broke out last night between Algeria and France after Algiers abruptly announced the cancellation of President Liamine Zeroual's planned meeting with President Jacques Chirac at the United Nations, accusing France of "attacking the dignity and sovereignty of the Algerian people".

No reason was given for the sudden cancellation of the meeting, scheduled to take place in New York on the fringes of the UN's 50th anniversary celebrations, which began today. However, it was reported to be President Zeroual who requested that it be

The meeting had been the subject of fierce political controversy in France, and outrage among Islamic militants in Algeria, since it was made public two weeks ago. It had also prompted a heavy reinforcement of security across France, with 2,500 extra troops being deployed on the streets following a threat from an Algerian Islamic terrorist group to con-tinue its bomb attacks unless the

meeting was halted.
It had been expected that the pair would meet discreetly at the New York hotel at which both are staying during the three-day celebration, but Mr Chirac said Mr Zeroual had "decided to request a postponement" at the last moment "because of a fail-

ure to agree on its modalities". The Algerians wanted to publicise the event, said Mr Chirac, but "I did not believe I could agree to this demand, because I had conceived of the meeting as a working meeting with the current head of state" But in New York it was claimed that Mr Zeroual pulled out after Mr Chirac refused to accede to an Algerian request that nothing be said about the meeting publicly.

the meeting would be low-key, and without television cameras, in an attempt to counter criticism that it would imply French support for Mr Zeroual in next month's Algerian sidential election.

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The language from Algiers esterday was virulent. A presidential spokesman was quoted as saying that the meeting "has lost its purpose". Alluding to France's colonial inheritance and history of interference in Algeria since the country's independence, the spokesman denounced "the persistence of unilateralist attitudes" and the "escalation of public remarks that can be seen as an attack on the dignity and sovereignty of the Algerian people".

In a detail that will be particularly unwelcome to Mr Chirac, the Algerian spokesman said the meeting had actually been proposed by the French foreign minister, Hervé de Charette, who categorically denied this yesterday. French officials insisted that the meeting had been "requested" by Mr Zeroual and that Mr Chirac had been left with little choice but to accept without precipitating a diplomatic incident.

The cancellation of the meeting by Algeria leaves Mr Chirac in the worst possible diplomatic position. He had weathered a storm of criticism at home and abroad which accused him variously of consorting with the leader of a repressive regime, favouring Mr Zeroual's candidacy in the coming presidential election, behaving as a colonial power, and interfering in Algeria's internal affairs.

In recent days he mounted a concerted damage-limitation exercise, saying he would pre-sent the Algerian leader with the French point of view and would argue that the coming elections should be seen to be "fair and democratic". Mr de Charette's final efforts to this end were printed in yesterday's French press. Now, it appears, all that effort was for nothing: Mr Chirac has been made to Before leaving Paris, Mr look weak, and his diplomacy to

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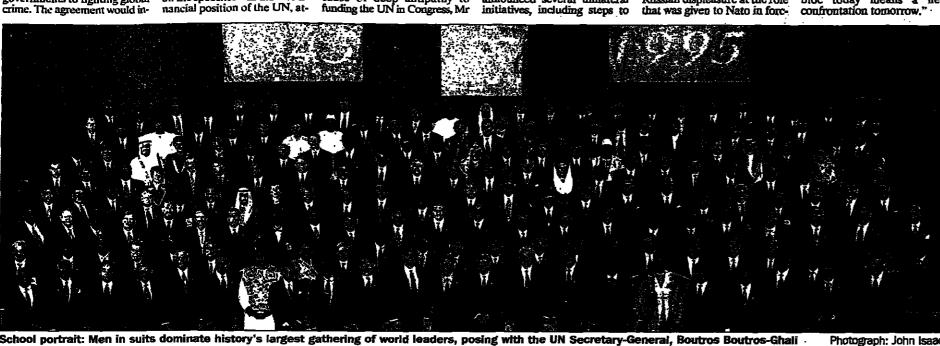
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Kodak captures 140 world leaders: the class of '95

brought meaning to the new world order. For a few brief minutes yesterday, the leaders coming along this morning," he of virtually every land on the said. Jiang Zemin of China planet succumbed to the collective discipline of posing for dela of South Africa, looked as a giant school photograph to grim as his shirt was colourful. commemorate the 50th birthday of the United Nations, writes David Usborne.

In a cavernous conference room in the bowels of UN headquarters, presidents, potentates and princes were cajoled and bullied by a man from Kodak, to stand straight, spect at the podium to speak stop chatting and to "smile as was violated by the first to get prettily" as the few women there: President Bill Clinton.

New York — It was Kodak that leaders among them. "I thank His speech lasted 15 minutes. you, Kodak thanks you and the whole world will thank you for seemed amused; Nelson Man-In other regards, the threeday jamboree of 140 heads of state and government, the largest in the history of humankind, threatened to spin into glorious and untrammelled disorder. The five-minute rule that every leader is meant to re-

Nor was the chaos limited to the UN building. Ask any ordinary mortal who was trying to navigate the streets of Manhattan this weekend. As the myriad delegations sped about town in block-long motorcades, entire sections of the city were

At 7am yesterday morning, when the leaders were already out of their beds and rolling towards the UN tower, the east side of midtown Manhattan was eerily empty. The normally jammed canyons of First and Second Avenues were deserted as far as the eye could see, ex-

cept for galaxies of flashing ing the agitation against him. police lights and and the occasional black-limousined caravan of one leader or another. Barely visible was the secu-

rity blanket, surely one of the most intense ever deployed. Roof-tops revealed sharpshooters, just one element of an operation involving 3,000 US secret service agents and a large part of the New York police force. Among police concerns were various street protests orchestrated by opponents of leaders including Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire and Cuba's Fidel Castro, whose daughter, Alina Fernandez Revuelta, was lead-

First among the parties were dinners offered last night by President Clinton at the New York Library and by the New York Mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, at the World Financial Center on Saturday. Pork, beef and shellfish were left off the menus to avoid giving offence to any of the guests. "Not all of our parties are capable of starting the Third World War, although with some of our weddings you might think so," remarked Liz

Newmark of the catering company for Mr Giuliani's bash. President Castro was not invited to either occasion. He.

thousands of supporters at the historic Abyssinian Baptist Church at a special mass in his honour in Harlem last night. There will be a few faces absent from the soon-to-be-historic Kodak moment. Saddam Hussein was not there, nor was Libya's Muammar Gaddafi. Two faces that might have graced the front row, Helmut Kohl of Germany and John Ma-jor, were also missing. Mr Kohl, to general consternation, is not

coming to New York, while Mr

Major opted to pass on the first

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### Nato bogged down over peace force

SARAH HELM

Anxiety is growing in European capitals and Washington that the US peace plan for former Yugoslavia may fall apart because Nato will be unable to deploy the 60,000-strong force needed

to implement the deal.

The political, diplomatic and practical challenges presented by such an operation could well prove too tough for the alliance leaders to surmount. said senior US and European diplomats. "The chances of sending the peace-enforcement force are now only 50-50," one

senior British source said.

As world leaders meet at the United Nations this week, there is an acute awareness that if the Nato plan falls apart the consequences could be pro-found. "Without the peace enforcement force there would be no peace deal and no peace in the former Yugoslavia, a senior US diplomat said. The future of Nato would be called into question if it failed to seize this chance to build a Balkans peace. The West's relations with Russia would also be in danger of deteriorating. "This is a defining moment for Nato; for relations with Moscow and peace in the Balkans. It is going to be very difficult," said a defence planning source.

The most serious threat lies in the reluctance of the US Congress to give President Bill Clinton backing to send US troops with the Nato force. Republicans have always argued that the Balkans is a European, not an American, problem and are desperately afraid of US troops sinking into the quagmire of another foreign conflict. It is, however, inconceivable that the peace plan launched by the US should be implemented without the help of US forces.

Last week the Clinton administration, which clearly sees peace in Bosnia as providing a dream ticket for the 1996 presidential election, began an in-

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presenting the peace-enforcement operation as a chance for the US to show it is the only superpower. In a televised debate on CNN, Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, made clear to Americans that this was "no Vietnam" and warned that the stakes for world security were high. If the plan failed, "it will be very hard to predict

Nato's future", he said "It would be a huge blow if after all this preparation, the

Warren Christopher: This

will not be like Vietnam'

Americans found for domestic reasons they can't do it," said a senior European Union source. The plan is also seriously

threatened by the failure so far to agree how Russian forces will be deployed alongside Nato troops. President Boris Yeltsin told the UN yesterday that the Security Council must not be "relegated to the sidelines of It was "inadmissible for a re-

gional organisation [Nato] to make decisions on the mass use of force, bypassing the Securi-ty Council," he said. Mr Yeltsin

included in the force, and Nato also supports the principle of a Russian contingent. However, the US insists that the force should come under sole Nato command, while Moscow is adamant that the command should be shared with Russia.

Any suggestion that the Rus-sians should share command and control is dismissed by Nato and any Russian control would make it impossible for Mr Clinton to sell the plan to Con-gress. Mr Christopher admitted yesterday that it would "take some ingenuity" to find a way through the impas

Ideas have been canvassed for a special co-ordination committee to give the Russians some low-key say in the decision-making.

Nato says Russians could be iven a non-combat role in the force, working with transport, mine-clearance or refugees. However, European intelligence experts put the chances of a deal with the Russians at less than 50 per cent. If the Russians were excluded, the force could still go ahead, but the diplomatic implications could be highly damaging.

Moscow might block votes in the UN security council, and

European officials say Russia's exclusion might just "tip the balance" towards a more confrontational attitude from Moscow towards the West Moscow's relations with Nato are already soured by Nato's plans to expand to the East.

Divisions are also opening up between the US military chiefs and the Europeans over the operational rules for the force.

Peace dividend: women in Sarajevo enjoying the autumn sunshine in the Bosnian

### **UN begs Serbs** to stop killings

EMMA DALY Sarajevo

The trench warfare has stopped - at least for the time being under the terms of the Bosnian ceasefire brokered by Washington, but there is concern that a campaign against civilians is continuing particularly in Serb-held northern Bosnia. United Nations officials, who have beseeched the Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, to adhere to the part of the agreement which requires the humane treatment of civilians, fear for the safety of several thousand Muslims

and Croats missing in the area. Since mid-August more than 30,000 non-Serbs have been expelled from the northern Bosnia, but the expulsions stopped suddenly 10 days ago, when two big towns fell to gov-ernment forces, leaving at least 2.000 more non-Serbs, mostly men of draft age, in Serb hands. "I would be happier if the expulsions began again," one UN official said. "At least we would

know then that they are alive." The numbers are sketchy, according to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), but the agency believes that between 8,000 and 20,000 Muslims and Croats still remain in northern Bosnia of a pre-war population of more than half a million.

UNHCR officials based in Banja Luka have virtually no area, and have no idea how the last-ditch battles for Sanski Most and Mrkonjic Grad have

affected the situation. The fighting hindered the expulsions - UNHCR officials said the Serbs were too busy with the war effort - but the agency had expected the flow of refugees to resume last week. At least 1,000 people were due to cross the front line near Teslic, but never appeared.

"We know more people were rounded up than came away, especially men, who were separated," one UNHCR official said. "We're frightened some have been killed.

A Bosnian Serb dissident, Vladitoir Srebrov, a writer and founder member of Mr Karadzic's SDS party, but who was seized by the Serbs in 1992 and sentenced to prison for treason, said yesterday that he had been jailed near Sarajevo with 136 people from Prijedor, in north-ern Bosnia. Mr Srebrov was released on Saturday as part of the ceasefire deal.

The UNHCR envoy, Anne-Willem Bijeveld, last week asked Mr Karadzic to stop the atrocities in northern Bosnia.

The appeal was repeated by the US human rights envoy, John Shattuck. "We make an urgent appeal to the Bosnian Serb leadership to stop these horrors," said Mr Shattuck, who has interviewed some of the Muslims and Croats expelled

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### Millionairess rescues Brazil's slum children

Phil Davison meets a woman saving youngsters from death or degradation

not yet cold. But he was certainly dead. The women in surrounding shanty huts, who smoked and clutched babies as they pecred in at his body, had seen enough dead people to know the difference.

So had Yvonne Bezerra di Mello, a 48-year-old millionaire's-wife, turned angel-ofmercy, who was making her daily visit to Rio's homeless street children. "There's one or groomed hair. two dead almost every day. Children, babies. Life and death means nothing here," she told me. The neighbours wanted her to get rid of the body. Rio's sium dwellers are not keen on going to the police and the

sentiment is reciprocated. Joseph was not a child. He appeared to be in his thirties and, by all accounts, was one of many Fagin-like males who dominate groups of orphaned street children. Neighbours said they had seen ragged boys as young as six living in his hut. They had disappeared earlier that morning, presumably after finding him dead.

No one knew his second name or whether he had a family. They knew only that he wore his frizzy hair in a bun, sold his body and probably those of his boy companions to men by day and sniffed glue or drank sugarcane alcohol in but number SMH 120 by night. One of these vices seems to have killed him.

It was just another day at the 'office" for Dr Bezerra, a philology graduate from the Sorbonne whose husband, Alvaro, is president of the Brazilian Hotel Association, a member of the family that owns the giant Othon hotel chain and one of Brazil's wealthiest men.

Two years ago, after police executed seven street children outside Rio's Candelaria church just to get them off the streets, she put away her jewels, gave up her coffee mornings and dedicated most of her days to help-

ing street children survive. Every weekday morning, around 8am, her chauffeur, nicknamed Ayrton because of

Rio de Janeiro - Joseph was traffic, takes her from her luxury penthouse on Flamengo beach to a shanty settlement known as Coqueirinho (Little Palm) beneath concrete flyovers in the poor Sao Cristovao district. On the way, she stops to pick up coffee, cocoa, bread,

butter, beans, cheese and rice. At the shanty town she is rushed by children who clutch at her legs and climb to stroke and smell her clean, well-

On the day I accompanied her, the first order of the day was Joseph's body. She told his neighbours she would call the police on her way out. The neighbours replied that they would move out of the area until the police had gone. Nobody wanted to deal with the police, whom they blame for nightly killings in Rio's favelas (slums).

"He'll be buried in a communal grave without a name, almost as if he never existed. Dr Bezerra said. "In a way he didn't. These people barely exist. They have no hope. All we can do is help them survive another day."

Dr Bezerra and three friends set up the Centre for the Defence and Rights of Children and Teenagers with four main concerns in mind: First, the murder of street children, which they say continues almost nightly, one or two at a time, to avoid attracting the publicity of the 1993 Candelaria massacre, and often carried out by off-duty policemen hired by businessmen who see the children as social undesirables. Dr Bezerra estimates there are 4,000 street children in Rio de Janeiro and tens of thousands nation-wide.

Their second concern is child prostitution, involving both girls and boys, sometimes no more than five years old.

The third is forced child labour, estimated to involve up to 7 million Brazilians between the ages of 10 and 17.

The fourth is the kidnapping of street children, usually carried out for prostitution or child labour. It's a kind of modern "white slave" trade, usually involving light-skinned girls



Angel of mercy: Yvonne Bezerra di Mello (seated) with the children who get food, schooling and a little love at her 'office'

aged 11 or 12 who sometimes surface more than 1,000 miles

from their homes. Describing herself as an unarmed guerrilla - "the changes we need in Brazil require that kind of action, not words" - Dr Bezerra said no killers of street children had ever been convicted: "The three policemen detained for the 1993 Candelaria massacre have never been tried. Five others involved were never picked up. The killing has continued, with 1,500 street children aged between 11 and 17 murdered last year, often as they slept, in Rio, Sao Paulo, all

The people who do this, or hire the gummen, do not see

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On 23 July 1993, a policeman approached a group of children sleeping outside the downtown Candelaria church with what appeared to be a bowl of soup. But he pulled a gun from the bowl and opened fire. Several other police officers appeared and did the same, according to

not most businessmen and workers in the area, said the killings were justified, blaming the children for robberies. Nine months later, an advertisement in a newspaper in the town of Londrina, apparently financed

them more like animals. They headline: "Kill a Child Criminal." The editor said it was aimed only at intimidating street children after they were blamed for robberies, including that of

the editor's bicycle. As for child prostitution, the Brazilian President, Fernando Henrique Cardoso, this month launched a campaign against it, partly due to Dr Bezerra's pressure: "Cardoso was very upset by what I was saying. I'd become a real pain in the ass. After the massacre, many, if

"I'd told him denouncing things was not enough. It's no good telling people to call emer-gency number 190 to denounce a child brothel when that same number is inundated by callers complaining that their cat's stuck up a tree.

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slums change their partners regularly. When the latest parternment's National Statistics ner tires of the old lag, he Office cites a figure of 7 million, turns to the daughter of seven or around 10 per cent of the workforce, but that figure or eight. To him she's much includes children up to 17. "Prostitution among little boys is probably worse," Dr Bez-erra said. "We've had boys as In most Brazilian states, one in seven children between 10 and 13 is forced to work, according to a leading sociologist,

homes. Brazilian women in the

young as five with venereal dis-Herbert de Souza, who has eases or Aids. The girls will sell themselves for two or three dolbeen nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for his campaign lars, the boys for one. One of the problems is that street boys against poverty: "In some north-ern states, that figure is nearly tend to have only homosexual

slavery from our colonial past remains intact." Dr Bezerra said a spate of

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kidnappings of children in Rio was partly to find child labour but mostly for prostitution. "My group is currently searching for 26 missing girls aged be-tween 9 and 12, kidnapped between their shanty homes and shops. They're usually mulatto [mixed race] girls, sold mostly to coffee farmers and wealthy landowners. They want virgins because of the increasing inci-dence of Aids," she said.

"We found one girl, Samantha, aged 12, 550 miles from here, after someone recognised a picture we'd put on television. She'd been abused and addicted to drugs, including heroin. One of the problems now is getting her and her mother to re-adapt to each other after the new life she has lived."

In the tiny hut she has turned into kitchen, school and community centre, beneath a motorway flyover at Coqueirinho. Dr Bezerra sat cross-legged to teach "her" children, mostly black, of their roots. Some had come running to her. Others she had to fetch from alcoholic mothers who kept them padlocked in the family hut.

On the nearby kerb. Avrton the driver, was doubling as a doctor. Sitting on the back of Dr Bezerra's car, he ponred disinfectant over the gory stumps of two of a screaming middleaged woman's fingers. Badly cut also on the face, she had been attacked by her partner.

"These kids' inborn image of themselves is one of slaves," Dr Bezerra said, as a couple of dozen children clutched mugs of cocoa and buttered bread rolls. "I teach them that they came from Africa, a land where their ancestors were kings and queens. When a man has no pride in his ancestors he has nothing. I tell them that they helped build this country, that they have rights."

As she read to them, she cuddled six-year-old Filipi. "When we found he had syphilis, we discovered he'd been raped by a man six months ago," she said. "They yearn for affection. That's all we can give them. We can't even give them hope."

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### Transylvanian cheat plots return

you can fool some of the people all of the time. Three years ago he persuaded 4 million Romanians to invest about \$1bu (£600m) in a pyramid scheme that at first paid out handsome dividends but then went bankrupt.

The collapse of the Caritas pyramid was a tragedy for hun-dreds of thousands who had entrusted their life's savings to it. For Stoica, who went from being the most loved to the most despised man in Romania, it ended in a six-year jail term.

Quite enough humiliation, one would have thought, to put most people off get-richquick schemes. But not Stoica. In prison in the Transylvanian city of Cluj, where he has been confined for more than a year. the former bookkeeper is plot-

ting a comeback.
Things are running his way. Earlier this month, the Chij Court of Appeal cut four years off Stoica's sentence, on the grounds that there was no proof that he intended to embezzle funds. Mr Stoica hopes anoth-er appeal will result in him not having to serve the remaining 11 months of his sentence.

When he doe get out, he plans to take ou the government, pressing for the reimbursement of the millions paid in tax while money was pouring in to the Caritas coffers. If he gets it, he promises to dish it out to those owed money from the



#### Ion Stoica

scheme. Then he hopes to start the whole cycle over again. "This system worked and should have functioned longer,

he said, shortly before his arrest. But the press brought us down the press was the force that hit Caritas like a beast." Although sceptical about

pyramid schemes, Romania's media shared in an initial sense of wonder at the extraordinary events that followed the launch of Caritas in Cluj in June 1992.

After receiving the blessing of the ultra-nationalist mayor of Cluj, Gheorghe Funar, the scheme took off. Within weeks, almost everybody in Cluj had bought a stake, lured by the promise of eight-fold returns

The pyramid's fame spre throughout the country, which was suffering three-digit inflation. In 1993 thousands of Romanians flocked to Cluj to invest anything they could.

When the going was good, it was very good. Those that got



orating the Romanian struggle against Hungarian rule.

When it collapsed, in late 1993, speculation mounted that Caritas had been a front for a massive money-laundering

operation, involving drugs and gun-running. Millions of Romanians were angry and felt duped by its founder. Some spoke of lynching Stoica. In fact, protest quickly fizzled out. When the Chi Court of Appeal announced Stoics would be free in less than a year, there was barely a murmur of dissent.

Many in the city have made small fortunes, and they want to let matters lie. Unlike Stoica. however, most would be wary about jumping on to another Caritas bandwagon.

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## Nigeria's religions marching as to war

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David Orr finds northern Christians and Muslims ready to do battle

Kano — The Church of the Brethren in the northern Nigerian city of Kano appears neither beautiful nor of great permanence. It was built from rusty sheets of corrugated iron, its pews and altar knocked together from planks of wood.

But that it should stand at all is a source of satisfaction to its pastor, the Rev Audu Drambi. Three times in the four years the church has been destroyed. It was first burned down after Muslim youths rioted against the visit of a German evangelical preacher, Reinhard Bonnke, in 1991. Two years ago it was bulldozed by the city planners, whose motives, Mr Drambi believes, were

primarily anti-Christian.

In May this year religious riots broke out again in Kano. What started as a dispute between two people over a stolen bag blew up into a three-day street battle in which scores of Christians and Muslims were killed and hundreds injured.

At this time, the Church of the Brethren, in the Muslim Brigade area of the city, once more fell victim to rampaging Muslim youths, as did Mr Drambi's house, which had already been burned down in 1991. "I'm afraid it could happen again," he said. "There's a lot of tension between Christians and Muslims in this town. My family and congregation has suffered, but I don't want to take revenge."

The rhetoric of the Very Rev Samuel Uche, the Methodist Bishop of Kano, is not so conciliatory. He has joined a government-sponsored forum to promote dialogue between Kano's two faiths. But should Muslims attack Christians once more, he is ready to respond. "If 20 people come to kill me I will gun down 10 of them before they get me", the bishop says. "All the Christian churches of Kano have mobilised since May. This time I have guns to protect myself."



Cost of faith: Rev Audu Drambi outside outside his burned home Photograph: David Orr

In comparison to Islam, Christianity is a newcomer to the region. Long before Christian missionaries started to convert the south, Islam came to the north via the gold and sait trading routes of the Sahara.

In the early part of this century the first Christians, railway workers and office personnel in the colonial administration, reached Kano. Like many northern towns, Kano has a history of earnic, and religious

conflict which stretches back to the early years of independence from Britain in 1960. In the mid-1960s, northern troops massacred southern immigrants out of resentment of their prominence in commerce.

In 1980 more than 4,000 people are thought to have died after a radical Muslim cleric urged his followers to rise up against everything "un-Islamic" in Kano. Moderate Muslims were horrified at the violence, which

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was only quelled by the army.

Since then Kano has gained a reputation as a hot-bed of Islamic fundamentalism. This was consolidated by an incident last December in which a Christian, alleged to have defiled the Koran, was beheaded by a mob.

The man, against whom no evidence was found in court, was dragged out of a prison, some say with the complicity of the warders. After the lynching, his head was paraded round the streets of the city on a stake.

The most recent outbreak of violence saw not only the destruction of Mr Drambi's church and home but the burning of Christian businesses near the market. On this occasion Christians fought back, and many of the victims of the disturbances were Muslim.

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Today the streets where the riots occurred are the normal bustling, filthy, crowded streets

of Kano's commercial area. But the tensions in this city of 3 million inhabitants are not far beneath the surface. Both the Christian majority and the Muslim majority fears unrest

will erupt again.

"Islam is a religion of peace", says Abdulkarim Daiyabu, whose tiny mosque lies inside the crumbling walls of the Old City. "It is the government which is inciting hooligans to take part in attacks in the name of Islam. The military government has used many religious leaders to divide the masses, to distract them from the economic problems and cover up

the politicians' corruption."

From a southern Christian who feels disenfranchised by the country's northern Muslim establishment, such an analysis might not be surprising; from a northern Muslim, his views appear very radical.

Sheikh Aminudeen Abubaker also believes the military e regime, which seized power in November 1993, uses religion to create conflict. But he is less ready to let the Christian community off the hook. "The



Christian leaders are teaching their followers that their only enemy is a Muslim", he says. "They're trying to stir up violence and fanaticism against the Muslims because leadership is in the hands of the Muslims in

the north." Christian leaders in Kano say the federal government refuses to grant land for the building of churches, that only Muslims enjoy access to the media, and that Christians are discriminated against in the fields of employment and education. Thus are the lines of conflict drawn. It is rumoured in Kano's Muslim quarters that most Christians have guns. Whatever goodwill exists between the two communities, it seems little provocation will be needed to rekindle religious hatred in Nigeria's interior.

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#### IN BRIEF

Election pushes Swiss closer to Europe

Bern — Switzerland's most pro-European party seemed set to emerge the biggest winner in national parliamentary elections expected to gauge the mood toward integration with the rest of continent. Early returns and television projections showed that the left-of-centre Social Democrats were likely to become the biggest faction in the four-party coalition government. The two centrist coalition parties—the Christian Democrats and the Radical Democrats—appeared to be losing ground

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#### Juppé quits subsidised flat

Paris — The French prime minister, Alain Juppé, has moved out of the subsidised Paris flat which almost cost him his job, writes Mary Dejevsky. Removal vans arrived at the address, 26 rue Jacob, in an exclusive part of the Latin Quarter, at the weekend. Mr Juppé and his wife, Isabelle, who is expecting a baby in the next two weeks, are moving into the three-bedroom private quarters of the prime minister's official residence, the Matignon, while they set about the task of looking for a new flat.

'People's victory'

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Abidjan — Ivory Coast voters, protected by troops, cast their ballots in an election boycotted by the opposition and threatened with disruption. "It's a victory for the people because the people have voted," said President Henri Konan Bedie (right) who is certain of victory. Mr Bedie faces only one opponent, Francis Wodie, leader of the small Ivorian Workers Party, who broke ranks with allies to contest the election. "Reuter"



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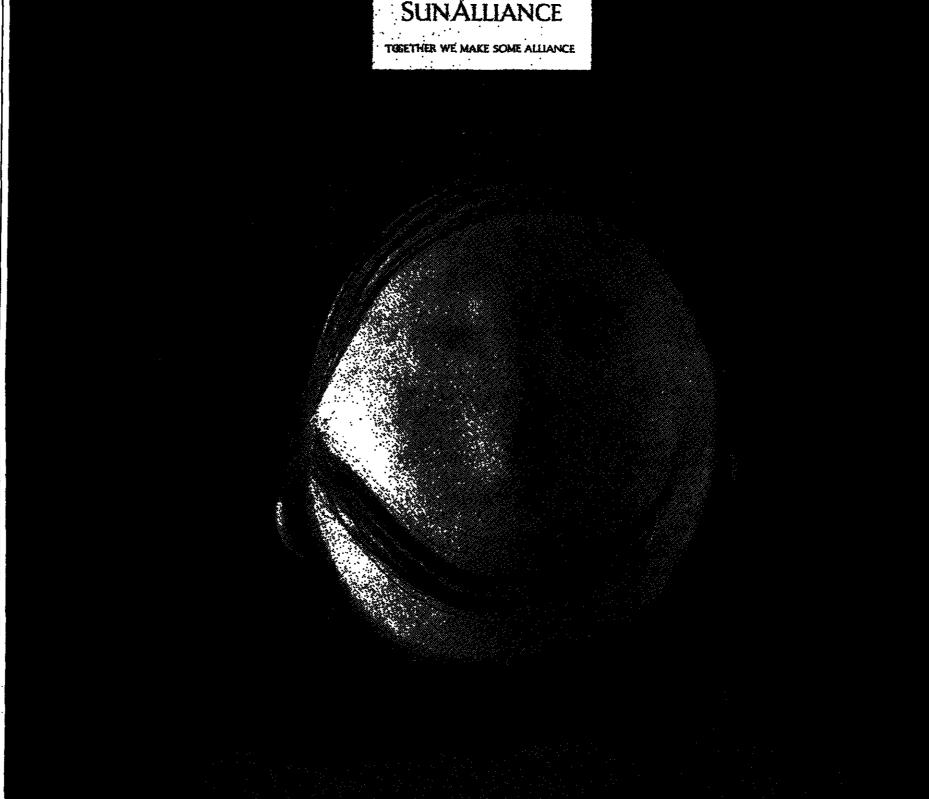
Peking — The parents and wife of Chinese dissident Chen Ziming staged a protest in a park in Peking to demand his release on medical parole. "They have not allowed me to hold a march," Wn Yongfen told reporters as she held a picture of her son. "So we are holding a protest in a park."

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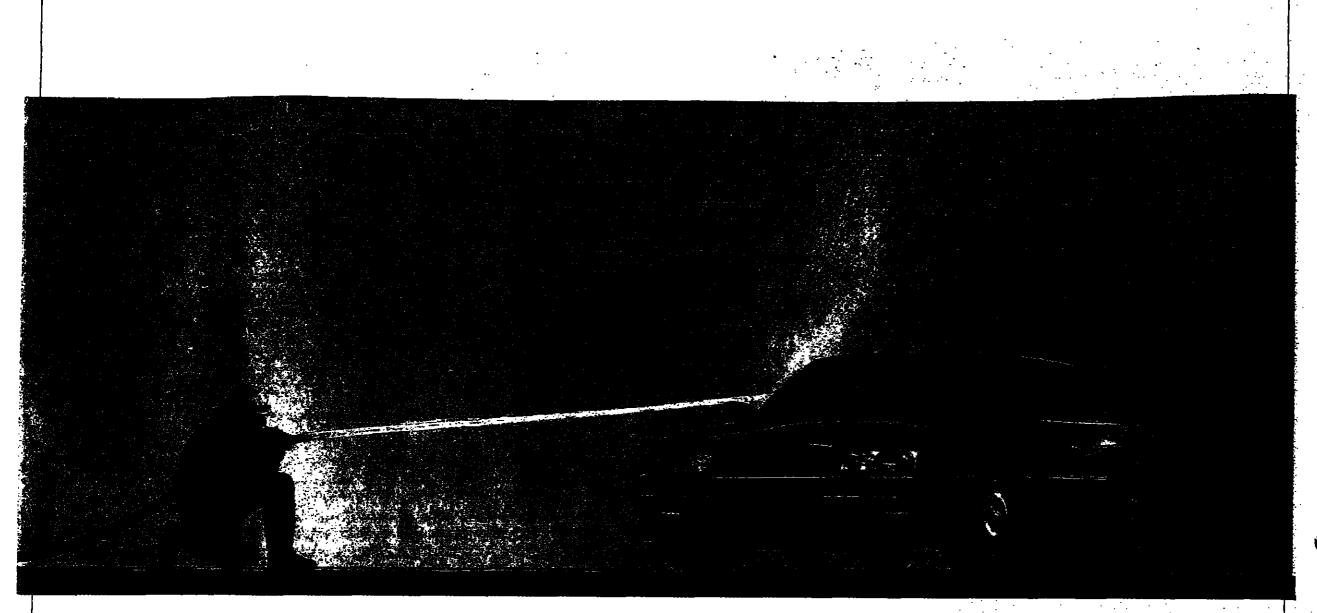
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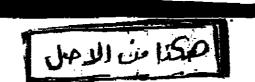
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### SPD suffers humiliating setback in Berlin poll

MRE KARACS Bonn

Germany's Social Democrats suffered a humiliating setback yesterday in elections to the Berlin regional assembly, recording their lowest share of the vote since the war.

According to early projec-tions, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats came first, with 37.2 per cent of the vote. The SPD came a poor second, scoring 25.8 per cent, down from 30.4 per cent obtained in the first elections in the reunited city, in 1990. The SPD can to some extent blame the Party of Democratic Socialism, successors to the Communists, which emerged as by far the biggest party in the eastern half of the city, with an impressive 35 per cent. Its figure for the whole of Berlin was just over 14 per cent, the same as the



Scharping: Battle to oust SPD leader will intensify

The result is certain to intensify the struggle to oust Rudolf Scharping, the SPD's embattled leader. Although the Social Democrats seem set to remain the CDU's junior partners in the coalition governing Berlin, failure to score well in their former power base seri-

credibility nationwide.

It was in West Berlin that Willy Brandt reigned supremein the 1960s as governing mayor, gaining more than 60 per cent of the vote, before making

fall of the Wall changed the arithmetic, Berlin is still a city where the non-Communist left should do well. Unemployment, at 250,000 out of a population of 3.5 million, remains high, despite a building boom. The administration elected

yesterday will be in charge of moving the national govern-ment back to the former Prossian capital. The SPD would love to have been the midwife at the birth of the Berlin Republic in 2000, and now that dream is shattered. Nor will it have a role on the national stage if the cur-rent defeats continue. After failing narrowly to oust Mr Kohl in last year's general elec-tions, the Social Democrats have plunged into despair.

Riven by ideological infight ing similar to that which blighted the British Labour Party in the 1980s, the SPD has also been cursed by poor leadership. In Mr Scharping, they have found a highly eligible scapegoat, but the alternatives for the leadership do not seem particularly alluring. The front-runner is Oskar Lafontaine, who so fatally misjudged the national mood on reunification in 1990.

The dearth of personalities was evident in the Berlin campaign. The SPD fielded the little-known Ingrid Stahmer as its candidate for mayor, her uninspired slogan "Women's Choice".

Ms Stahmer was up against the CDU incumbent, Eberhard Diepgen, who almost managed to look and sound like his party leader in Bonn. Both Mr Rohl and Mr Scharping turned up in Berlin – a double blow for Ms Stahmer, who complained about having to campaign "uphill and into a headwind".

But not all that happened in Berlin went in Mr Kohl's favour. The Free Democrats, the CDU's coalition partners in the national government, crashed out of vet another reclear the 5-per-cent threshold. This was their 12th defeat in a row, raising doubts about their ability to get into the national parliament in the 1998 general elections.

#### Palestinians' boat ordeal nears end

The 10-day odyssey of the Pales-tinians stranded aboard the Countess M ferryboat after their expulsion from Libya, drew near its close last night as two Syrian vessels - one of them a warship - took all but a hand-ful of the 650 men, women and children from Cyprus to the Syrian port of Lattakia.

Jordan was reported to have agreed to take at least 12 of the remainder, although several Palestinians were said to have smashed up the café aboard the ferry boat which brought them from Libya because they feared what would happen to them on their arrival in Syria.
The Countess M, lacking suf-

ficient lifejackets and raits for its passengers, its deck rails unsafe and its electrical wiring judged insufficient for a scaworthy craft by the Cyprus anthorities, was allowed to dock frontier.

alongside the Syrian ferry boat Fayza Express in Larnaca har-bour to transfer its first load of Palestinians. Expelled from their homes and property in as were their fathers and grandfathers by the Israelis - none of the Palestinians will be able to return to Tripoli or Benghazi, even though some had lived

there for more than 20 years.

The majority held Syrian resident's documents and greeted the news of their final departure to Syria by singing and banging home-made drums. Many waved Syrian flags. But at least 1,000 other Palestinians are still waiting forelornly on the Libyan-Egyptian border after their expulsion by Colonel Gaddafi – allegedly to demonstrate the futility of the latest PLO-Israeli agreement - and at least one baby is reported to have died in the squalid desert camp on the Libyan side of the

### Legal grilling for OJ as families claim damages

TIM CORNWELL Washington

OJ Simpson, acquitted in court of the murders of his former wife Nicole and her friend, Ronald Goldman, faces questioning next week by lawyers acting for the families of the run into millions of dollars. victims in a civil suit against him. Mr Simpson returned to his

Los Angeles home by private jet from Florida on Saturday. He denied plans to marry the model Paula Barbieri, who met him in Florida.

The former football star did not tentify in his own defence at trial, but cannot safely plead the Fifth Amendment against selfincrimination in the civil cases, most legal experts believe. He is scheduled to answer questions in a first pre-trial interview on 30 October.

Mr Simpson's former fatherin-law, Louis Brown, has sued him for killing his daughter with "malice aforethought", claiming he "left her on the walkway in front of her residence to die".

In two separate law suits, the mother and father of Goldman. a waiter, allege Mr Simpson killed him with "vicious and outrageous savagery". All three are claiming damages which could

Mr Simpson's attorneys say because of his acquittal he cannot face punitive damages, which jurors typically use to inpose the biggest awards. They have not indicated whether he will meet the families' attorneys. One of the defence team, F Lee Bailey, said there was not a single question" Mr Simpson

was not ready to answer. A wealthy celebrity defendant whose case is often compared to Mr Simpson's, Claus von Bulow, was sued for \$56m (£36m) by his step-children after being acquitted in 1985 of the attempted murder of his former wife. He agreed to abandon any claim to her fortune and the case was dropped.



Photograph: Sergio Perez/Reuter | responsible for the Front's elec-

### **National Front brought** to account in Toulon

MARY DEJEVSKY

France's extreme-right National Front might be removed from power in the southern port city of Tonlon after election accounts were rejected by the official scrutineer on technicality. Toplon gave the Front a signal victory in June. when it became the first French city of more than 100,000 inhabitants to elect an extreme-

right council.

The regional election authorities in Nice have instituted further inquiries to determine whether the offence is such as to force a election rerun. An alternative would be for the mayor, Jean-Marie Le Chevallier, to be barred from office for a year.

As many as 135 of the thousand or so new mayors elected in June have had their victories queried, mostly in connection with overspending or dubious bookkeeping, but the National Front's alleged offence in Toulon is different. The party is said to have breached a regulation that bars the person named as election accounts officer from standing in the elec-toral list. In Toulon, the man

Poulet-Dachary, was also the fifth name in the Front's list of candidates. He subsequently became head of the mayor's office and, in effect, his number



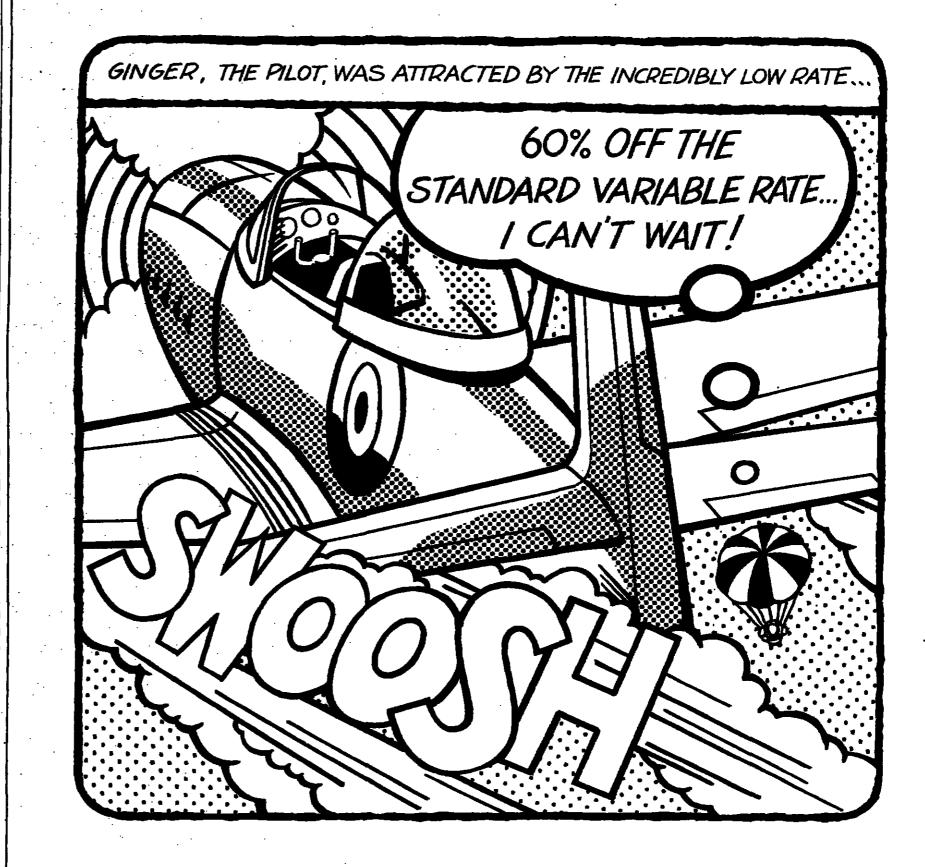
Mayor Le Chevallier: Could

Toulon voters are reported to be up in arms, seeing the scrutineer's move as an attempt by Paris to deprive the Front of a democratically won victory.

The Chirac government does not hide its dislike of the ex-treme right and has already intervened in another Front-won council, the city of Orange, stepping in to fund a multicultural song-festival that the new council had refused to support. In all, the Front's experience of elected office has not proved

tion accounts, Jean-Claude easy. In Toulon, the rejection of its election accounts exacerbates an already difficult situation. In August, the same Mr Poulet-Dachary whose responsibility for the accounts has been queried was found dead in mysterious circumstances in the hallway of his block of flats. While Mr Poulet-Dachary was known to have been subject to death threats and a murder inquiry was announced, his death brought out details of his private life as a militant homosexual which compromised the Front's claims to being beyond moral reproach. It also highlighted di-visions in the Front's local and national branches, where he had been a controversial figure, and prompted renewed in-fighting among those competing for the succession to Jean-Marie Le

Pen, the Front's leader. The fact that Mr Poulet Dachary combined the roles of treasurer and candidate also exposes one of the Front's key problems now that it enjoys elected power: its serious lack of officials with administrative experience. Mr Poulet-Dachary, a former Foreign Legion officer, with an impeccable academic record and years of administrative experience, was



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## Kingsley Amis

Kingsley Amis was the most gifted of the British novelists who began publishing in the 1950s and were grouped together - by the media rather than by their own volition – as "Angry Young Men". He also proved himself to be the one with the most stamina and capacity for development.

Amis was a key figure in the history of British post-war fiction, but his originality was not always fully appreciated because it did not manifest itself in any obvious novelty of form. Indeed the literary new wave of the Fifties, in which Amis played a leading role (its poetic wing. to which he also contributed, was known as "The Movement"), was an aesthetically conservative force, consciously setting itself against modernist experimentation. A passage in a review Amis contributed to the Spectator in 1958 is representative in both its sentiments and the down-to-earth blokeishness of its

The idea about experiment being the life-blood of the English novel is one that dies hard. "Experiment" in this context boils down pretty regularly to "obunded oddity", whether in con-struction - multiple viewpoints and such - or in style. It is not felt that adventurousness in subject matter or attitude or tone really count.

This is a thinly disguised manifesto for Amis's own early fiction, but it is as obscuring as it is revealing. It is true that Lucky Jim (1954) and its successors dealt with what was then new or neglected social territory (for example, the provincial university) from unhackneved perspectives (for example, the upwardly mobile young professional who is unimpressed by the values and lifestyle of the bourgeoisie). This is presumably what Amis meant by adventurousness of subject matter, attitude and tone. And it is also true that these novels were very traditional in form - the specific tradition to which they belonged being that of the English comic novel, in which satirical comedy of manners and robust farce are combined in an entertaining and easily assimilable story. Fielding, Dickens, Wodehouse and Waugh are some of Amis's obvious precursors. But it is also true that Amis's novels are triumphs of "style" - a way of using language that, if not obtrusively "odd", is highly origmal, and wonderfully expressive. Dixon had read, or begun to read, dozens [of scholarly articles] like it. but his own seemed worse than most in its air of being convinced of its own usefulness and significance, "In considering this strangely neglected top-ic," it began. This what neglected

strangely neglected what? Lucky Jim (1954) Feeling a tremendous rakehell, and not liking myself much for it, and feeling rather a good chap for not liking myself much for it, and not liking my self at all for feeling rather a good chap. I got indoors, vigorously rubbing lipstick off my mouth with my

topic? This strangely what topic? This

That Uncertain Feeling (1955) All that type of stuff, dying and so on, was a long way off, not such a long way off as it had once been, admitted, and no doubt the time when it wouldn't be such a long way off as all that wasn't such a long way off as all that, but still. Still what? Take a Girl Like You (1960)

There is nothing quite like this in English fiction before Amis (though a good deal afterwards, for other writers were quick to learn his tricks). It is a kind of English equivalent to the prose of Samuel Beckett (though Amis would have soluttered derisively at the comparison). In each case, language, denied the luxury of metaphysical affirmation and romantic afflatus, coils back upon itself, mocking its own pretensions as well as the follies and foibles of human behaviour. Both writers use repetition and bathos to marveilous effect, es-chewing "elegant variation"

and "fine writing" except for purposes of parody. The effort is always to be scrupulously exact, honest and undeceived. It was of course carried to a bleaker, more challenging and subversive extreme by Beckett.

Amis's fundamental scepticism is actually quite dark and disturbing, but it is cushioned or concealed by the conventions of the well-made novel. Some critics have seen this as an evasion or betraval of artistic integrity, a kind of refusal to be "serious". Amis himself would have taken his stand on the writer's responsibility to entertain as well as instruct. The career of Kingsley Amis crystalises, without resolving, a perennial debate about the contemporary English novel: whether, by remaining faithful to the native realistic tradition and refusing the legacy of modernism, it ensures its own authenticity or fails to be ignificant in a Hegelian "worldhistorical sense Kingsley Amis was born,

ironically enough, in 1922, the

year in which the great masterniece of modernist fiction. lames Joyce's *Ulysses*, was published. He was brought up in a dull outer suburb of south London called Norbury, the only child of respectable lowermiddle-class parents, and won a scholarship to the City of London School, to which he commuted daily like his father, a clerk in a commercial office. From this school, of which he always spoke highly, Amis went up to Oxford in 1941, as an Exhibitioner of St John's College, to read English. Here he met Philip Larkin, and formed the basis of a lifelong friendship. The two young men had similar backgrounds, tastes, and sensibilities, and fertilised each other's imaginative development. In this chance conjunction lay the seeds of the literary revolution of the 1950s.

After only a year at Oxford. Amis was called up for military service and served in the Roy-al Signals in Normandy, Belgium and Germany from 1944 to 1945, an experience which left surprisingly little overt trace in his work apart from a few early short stories. After the Second World War he returned to Oxford, graduating with a First Class degree in 1947, and began research towards a BLitt which he never completed. In this period he kept in touch with Larkin, now a librarian at University College, Leicester, and met another young undergraduate who shared his admiration for Larkin's verse, John Wain. The nucleus of the Movement was beginning to form. In 1947 Amis published his

first "slim volume" of verse, Bright November, and later, along with Larkin and Wain, was one of the contributors to Robert Conquest's anthology New Lines (1956), which marked the arrival of the Movement on the English poetic scene, and its displacement of the late modernist mode epitomised by Dylan Thomas (memorably parodied in That Uncertain Feeling). Amis continued to write poetry, not very prolifically, throughout his life. In this department he was alays somewhat overshadowed by Larkin, to whom he paid the homage of imitation, but he was an excellent exponent of light verse, especially of a satirical and ribald kind.

Amis married Hilary Bardwell in 1948, and the following year took up a post as lecturer in English Literature at the University College of Wales, Swansea. He settled down in that pleasant but deeply provincial seaside town to teach, write, and raise a family of three children, one of whom was called Martin. From this congenial but humdrum and materially somewhat pinched existence, Amis was catapulted to fame by

(dedicated to Larkin) in January 1954. It became a bestseller and a cuit book - not surprisingly, for it was a sublimely funny novel which also put its finger very accurately on certain changes which had taken place in post-war British culture and society. Although Amis himself belonged to a small elite of pre-war scholarship boys, he articulated through his hero, Jim Dixon, the feelings of a much larger number of people in the next generation (my own) who were products of the 1944 Education Act and the Welfare State. Through the comedy of Jim's private fantasies and accidental breaches of social decorum, Amis gave us, as it were, permission not to be overawed by the social and cultural codes

of the class to which we had

been elevated by education. It was enormously liberating.

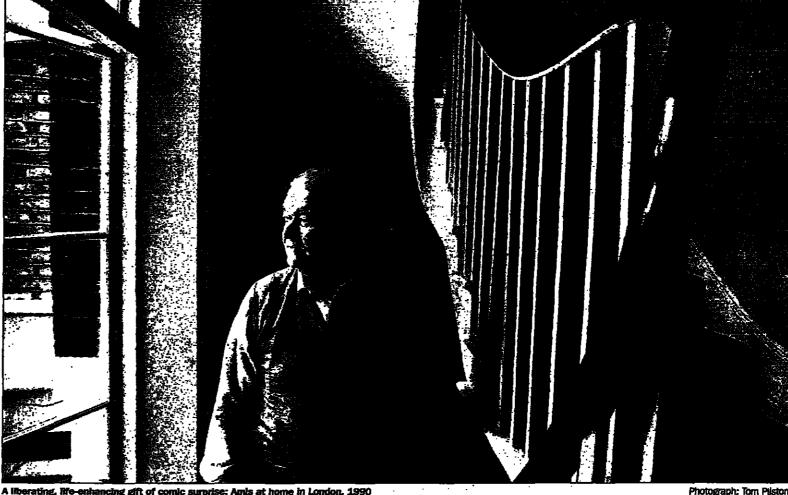
the publication of Lucky Jim

Measured on a simple laughout-loud scale, Lucky Jim was probably the funniest novel Amis wrote, and for some readers his career was therefore downhill all the way. But in spite of his talent for comedy. Amis was, in the words of Larkin's poem, always surprising in himself a hunger to be more serious, and in the novels that followed he combined amusing social satire with a thoughtful and sometimes uncomfortable investigation of the moral life, especially in the sexual sphere. Take A Girl Like You (1960) was a particularly interesting response to the first intimations

of the Permissive Society. Because of the antiestablishment stance of the early novels, Amis was identified with the Left, and in 1957 he declared his allegiance to the Labour Party in a Fabian pamphlet. Ten years later, however, he announced his conversion to Conservatism, in an essay entitled "Why Lucky Jim Turned Right". Henceforward he adopted a combatively right-wing stance on the political issues of the day -Vietnam, nuclear arms, the expansion of higher education and women's liberation.

There was always an element of deliberate provocation and self-parody in this stance, as in the case of Evelyn Wangh (whom Amis came to resemble more and more, in all kinds of ways. as he got older), but there is no reason to doubt the fundamental sincerity of his views. The young Amis's identification with the party of the Welfare State was always emotional rather than ideological, and Lucky Jim was a rebel rather than a revolutionary. As soon as left-wing attitudes became trendy, as they did in the late 1960s, Ámis's innate scepticism was turned upon them and their proponents."

One does have the impression, however, that in an in-



A liberating, life-enhancing gift of comic surprise: Amis at home in London. 1990

creasingly unsympathetic cul-tural climate Amis became less certain of his constituency, and of his own literary identity. than he had been in the heyday of the Movement. This may have been connected with change and upheaval in his private life. In 1961 he had moved from Swansea to Cambridge, to teach English as a Fellow of Peterhouse, but the notoriously factions English Faculty was not very welcoming. Dr Leavis was reported to have described his new colleague as "a pornog-rapher", a failure in close reading if nothing else, for Amis's novels, though much concerned with sex, are notable for their reticence about the sexual act. He resigned his fellowship af-

ter three years to become a full-

time writer. At about the same time his marriage broke up, and he married the novelist Elizar beth Jane Howard In the late Sixties and Seventies he experimented a good deal with "genre" fiction science fiction (The Anti-Death League, 1966, and The Alteration, 1976), the James Bond thriller (Colonel Sun, 1968), the classic detective story (The Riverside Villas Murder, 1973) and the ghost story (The Green Man, 1969). These forms perhaps attracted him as ways of escaping the constraints he realistic novel and the expectations of an audience who kept hoping he would repeat Lucky Jim. In some of them he

addressed himself to weighty

philosophic and religious

themes, such as the nature of

sentially secular upbringing, Amis always took a lively, though pugnaciously sceptical, interest in Christian doctrine. An essay boldly entitled "On Christ's Nature reveals an impressive familiarity with the New Testament, and a characteristic refusal to be awed. (A representative passage raises "the question why, if God wanted human beings to have reli-gion, he did not simply give it to them, instead of arranging the world in one way and then sending someone along to explain that really the whole set-up was quite different"). Amis's best novel after Take

A Girl Like You was arguably Ending Up (1974), a black comic tale of a group of retired people failing to cope with the afflictions of old age. "I suppose", says one of their young relatives to another in the course of a particularly joyless Christmas, Tsuppose with luck we might get a couple of weeks between the last of them goings and us being in their situa-tion." The brilliantly titled Jake's Thing (1978) brought the same mordant scrutiny to bear therapy, often to wonderfully

shortlisted for the Booker Prize. There followed something of a lull in Amis's creativity. But in the late Eighties he enjoyed a kind of second spring, producing in quick succession Stanley and the Women (1984), The Old Devils (1986), Difficulties with Girls (1988) and The Folks that

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Live on the Hill (1990). The first of these achieved some notoriety as a misogynist tract, and it was rumoured that a feminist cabal in the New York publishing world significantly delayed its publication in America. Amis's distrust of the female psyche was evident, for those who had eyes to see, as early as Lucky Jim, in the characterisation of the hysterical and devious Margaret. Stanley and the Women caused particular offence perhaps because it is cunningly constructed to catch the unwary liberal reader in its narrative trap. In Difficulties with Girls, however, Amis made some amends with a sympathetic portrait of Jenny Bunn, the heroine of Take a Girl

Like You, coping with marriage

to the compulsively unfaithful Patrick Standish. These late novels are notable for their intricate if uneventful narrative structures and frequent shifts of point of view, which require considerable powers of careful to the said and and an arrive said and an arrive said and arrive said arrive said and arrive said arrive ference from the reader. The best of them was The Old Devils, for which Amis was deservedly awarded the Booker on male impotence and sex Prize in 1986. This is another fictional study of old age. The setcomic effect, though without the ting in Amis's old haunts in south Wales lends the book an cessor. Both these novels were affectionate, nostalgic glow abyss of pain, despair and anxiety gradually opens up beneath the novel's comic surface. But Amis is in total command of his material and his unique narrative style. The reader knows he is in for a treat from

> of breakfast: He had not bitten anything with his front teeth since losing a top middle crown on a slice of liver-sausage six years earlier, and the right-hand side of his mouth was a no-go area, what with the hole in the lower lot where stuff was always apt to stick and a funny piece of gum that seemed to have got detached from something and waved about never it got the chance.

the first few pages describing

Malcolm's cautious negotiation

Kingsley Amis's second marriage broke up in 1983 and in later life he happily shared a house in Hampstead with his first wife, Hillie, and her second husband, Lord Kilmarnock - a twist in his biography that might have come from one of his own late novels. He took pride in the literary success of his son Martin, who occupies much the same key position among the British novelists who came of age in the 1970s as Kingsley did among those of the 1950s a dynastic succession unprece-dented in the annals of English literature. In spite of the differences of tone and ideology that divide them, it is a fascinating critical exercise to track Both (1994) was generally well

the stylistic gene that unites these two novelists. It would be an understatement to say that Kingsley Amis enjoyed a drink. He was an opinionated connoisseur of wine, and an unsurpassed observer of bar-room speech and behaviour. In later life he was a habitué of the Garrick Club. in London. He was appointed CBE in 1981, was granted the freedom of the City of London in 1989, and knighted in 1990. In many ways he became a pillar of the Establishment that he had once tilted at. He did not care for foreign travel, and apart from a spell in Portugal to spend the Somerset Maugham Prize in 1955 (which he was awarded for Lucky Jim), and a couple of visiting professor-ships in America a few years later, "Abroad" made little impact on his life or work. The title of the book inspired by the visit to Portugal was I Like It Here, and "here" meant England. He ex-ploited the English prejudice that foreigners speak funny to marvellous comic effect - witness the overseas students solemnly interrogating the hero

Shem Shoice, and that popular classic Sickies of Sickingdom In 1991 Amis published his Memoirs, consisting mainly of amusing, scandalous and sometimes cruel anecdotes about his literary contemporaries, many of whom were now dead, including Philip Larkin. The two men kept a wary distance from each other in later years, communicating mainly by letter, as if conscious they could never recover the easy intimacy of youthful friendship. "He was my best friend and I never saw enough of him or knew him as well as I wanted to," Amis wrote, rather

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sadly, in the Memoirs. This year. Eric Jacobs published a biography, with Amis's collaboration. It revealed (as literary biographies tend to do) a closer correspondence between the life and the fiction than one might have supposed, especially as regards difficulties with women. It also revealed a surprisingly vulnerable person behind the bluff, blimpish public mask, and the poised, sardonic prose stylist: a rather timid man, fearful of flying, unable to drive a car or perform the simplest domestic tasks, needing a regular and repetitive daily routine to keep the black dog of depression at bay: work, club, pub, telly. Work was the most important of these resources. In spite of increasing physical debility, Amis kept writing up till the end of his life. You Can't Do

received and is perhaps the most openly autobiographical of his novels. If The Biographer's Moustache, published earlier this year, was not the biographee's revenge that many reviewers had hoped for, it still had more than a touch of past

mastery.
In That Uncertain Feeling the hero is accosted one evening in the street of a small Welsh town by two lascars, one of whom seems to ask him:

"Where is pain and bitter laugh?" This was just the question for me, but before I could smite my breast and cry, "In here, friend", the other little man had said: "My consin say, we are new in these town and we w to know where is piano and bit of life,

That is one of my favourite quotations from Amis because t seems to epitomise his art. He did not dodge the pain of existence and his laughter was sometimes bitter, but he always retained the liberating, lifeenhancing gift of comic surprise.

Kinesley Amis, writer: born Lon-

David Lodge

don 16 April 1922; CBE 1981; Kt 1990; books include A Frame of Mind 1953, Lucky Jim 1954, That Uncertain Feeling 1955, A Case of Samples 1956, I Like it Here 1958 Take a Girl Like You 1960, New Maps of Hell 1960, My Enemy's Enemy 1962, One Fat Englishman 1963. The Egyptologists 1965, (with Robert Conquest) The James Bond Dossier 1965, The Anti-Death League 1966, The Book of Bond, or Every Man His Own 007 1966, A Look Round the Estate 1967, Colonel Sun 1968, I Want it Now 1968. The Green Man 1969. What Became of Jane Austen? 1970, Girl, 20 1971. On Drink 1972, The Riverside Villas Murder 1973. Ending Up 1974, Rudyard Kipling and His World 1975. The Alteration 1976, Jake's Thing 1978, Collected Poems 1944-79 1979, Russian Hide-and-Seek 1980, Collected Short Stories 1980, Every Day Drinking 1983, How's Your Glass? 1984, Stanley and the Women 1984, The Old Devils 1986, (with I. Cochrane) Great British Songbook 1986, The Crime of the Century 1987. Difficulties with Girls 1988, The Folks that Live on the Hill 1990, We are All Guilty 1991, Memoirs 1991, The Russian Girl 1992, Mr Barrett's Secret and Other Stories 1993, You Can't Do Both 1994. The Biographer's Moustache 1995; married 1948 Hilary Bardwell (two sons, one daughter, marriage dissolved 1965). 1965 Elizabeth Jane Howard (marriage dissolved 1983); died London 22 October 1995.

MARIE EDWARDS

#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. P. Robinson and Miss M. M. Burke

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr Brendan Robinson, of Godstone, Surrey, and Mrs Kathleen Farmer, of Sale. Cheshire, and Michelle, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Burke, of Shrewshury, Shropshire.

#### Birthdays

Sir Anthony Bamford, chairman and managing director, J.C. Bamford, 50; Professor Graeme Barker, Head of the School of Archaeological Stules, Leicester University, 49; Mr Johnny Carson, television presenter. 70; Mr George Cohen, footballer, 56; Major Edwina Coven, HM Lieutenant, City of London, 74: Mr.John Craven, chairman, Morgan Grenfell, 55; Miss Maggi Hambling, artist, 50; Lord Hunt of Tanworth, former secretary of the Cabinet, 76; Sir Archie Lamb, former diplomat, 74; Professor Sir Frank Lawton. Emerius Professor of Operative Surgery, Liverpool University, 80; Mr Iverach McDonald, former Associate Ed-

itor, the Times, 87; Pele, footballer, 55; Lord Remnant, chairman, National Provident Institution, 65: Sir Ralph Riley, former deputy chairman, Agriculture and Food Research Council, 71; Mr Gerry Robinson, chairman, London Weekend Television, 47; Miss Anita Roddick, founder and chief executive Body Shop, 53; Mr George Rylands CH, former University Lecturer in English Literature, Cambridge University, 93; The Earl of Shannon, former deputy speaker, House of Lords, 71; Baroness Thumpington, Baroness-in-Waiting, 73; Baroness Young, forer of state, Foreign Office,

#### Anniversaries

Births: Pierre-Athanase Larou lexicographer and encyclopaedist, 1817; Douglas Robert Jardine, cricketer, 1900; Diana Dors (Diana Fluck), actress, 1931. Deaths: Marcus Junius Brutus, committed suicide 42 BC; William Gilbert Grace, cricketer. 1915; Al Jolson (Asa Yoelson), singer and actor, 1950. On this day: the first parliament of Great Britain met, 1707; the United Nations General Assembly met for the first time, New York, 1946; Western nations

agreed to allow West Germany to enter Nato, 1954. Today is the Feast Day of St Allucio, St Effeda or Ethelfleda. St Ignatius of Constantinople, St John of Capistrano, St Romanus of Rouen, St Severinus or Seurin of Bordeaux

#### King George's Fund for Sailors

Princess Margaret attended a gala performance of The Fleet's In held esterday evening at the Theatre Roy-L Drury Lane, London WC2, in aid of the King George's Fund for Sailors. She was received by Admiral Sir Brian Brown, Chairman of the

#### Schools

Solihuli School The Governors of Solibuil School we announced the appointment of Mr PSJ. Derham MA as Headmaster of the school, to succeed Mr A. Lee MA, who will be retiring at the end of the Summer Term 1996. Mr Derham is at present a Housemaster and Head of History at Radicy College.

#### ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Amis and his first wife, Hilary, in Portugal with their children (left to right) Martin, Selly and Philip, in

1955, after Amis had won the Somerset Maugham Prize for Lucky Jim

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, World Wide Fund for Nature – WWF Interna-tional, chairs the Annual Conference in Cape Town; and as Founder, The Duke of Cape Town; and as Founder, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Associ-ation, carries out engagements in South Africa. The Puchess of Gloucester, Patron, The Enham Trust, attends a huncheon to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Egypt-ian Gift (commemorating the Battle of El Alamein) to the Enham Trust, at Enham Place, Andower, Hampshire. The Duchess of Kent, Patron, Unicel, attends an Yves St. Laurent Manue Courter Bablion Shows St Laurent Hante Couture Fashion Sh at The Savoy, London WCL

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regi-ment mounts the Oucen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, I Jan; Nijmegen Compa-ny Grenadier Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Backingham Palace, I J. 30am,

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#### The following notes of judg-ments were prepared by the re-porters of the All England Law Reports.

R v Beswick; CA (Cr Div) (Stuart-Smith LJ, Jowitt, Steel JJ) 14 Au-

gust 1995. A court should always seek to sentence an offender on a true basis. Thus the prosecution should not lend itself to any agreement with the defence (i.e. to accept a plea of guilty to a particular offence) founded on an unreal and untrue set of facts. If that occurred, the judge was entitled to direct the trial of an issue so he could determine the true factual basis.

conditional upon the approval of the judge. Tonia Grace (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for the appellant; Mark Fireman (CPS Manchester) for the

A prior agreement between prosecution and deferice must

therefore be considered as

#### CASE SUMMARIES

23 October 1995

Disclosure Re A (a minor); CA (Butler-Sloss on Brown, Saville LJJ) 17 October 1995.

For documents in care proceedings in the Family Proceedings Court to be disclosed to the defence in a criminal trial in which the child concerned was a witness, the leave of the family court was required whether the application be made under r 4.23 of the Family Proceedings Rules 1991, s 12 of the Administration of Justice Act 1960 or the court's inherent jurisdiction. In considering whether to grant leave, the court had to balance the im-

making relevant information available for a criminal trial. The purpose for which the information was required, its weight and significance, the im-portance of the child as a witness and the gravity of the offence with which the accused

was charged were all relevant

Peter Jackson (Venters & Co) for the

applicant; Heather MacGregor

to that balancing exercise.

(Philox Gray) for the respondent. R'v Islington LBC, ex p Hind; CA (Peter Gibson, Otton LIJ, Sir Roger

Parker) 17 October 1995. In considering whether a housing authority had given adequate reasons, pursuant to s 64(4) of the Housing Act 1985, when noportance of maintaining confi-dentiality in family cases slop that he was intentionally against the public interest in homeless, it was necessary for

the court to examine the decision letter in the context of the decision-making process and the findings of fact made by the authority. Although the authority should provide "proper, adequate and intelligible" reasons, it was not required in each case to separate fact from value judgement, or that it must first list its findings of fact and then set out the conclusions drawn therefrom.

Patrick Clarkson QC, Megan Thomas (Marie Rosenthal, Islington) for the authority; James Bowen (Wilson & Co) for the applicant.

Insolvency Re Cancol Ltd; ChD (Knox J) 4

October 1995. Future rent under an existing lease was not incapable of being included in a company voluntary arrangement, Stephen Schaw Miller (Abbott King & Troen) for the applicant; Jonathan

Nash (Lovell White Durrant) for the

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Most of us live in cities and constantly plot our escape.

But now, rural interests are resisting the invaders

We must end this war of town v country

Too many broken eggs and not enough omelettes," was JB Priestley's gloomy verdict on the planning blight he witnessed on his English Journey in the Thirties, appalled at the spread of suburbia and new patterns of ribbon development blending what were once self-contained towns and cities into great conurbations of placelessness.

This horror of formlessness led to the "green belts" to mark the boundaries between town and country and prevent fur-ther attenuation of the qualities of urban - and rural - life. But once again, cities are changing and so, too, is the countryside, with radical implications as to how people will live in future. The binary opposition of urban and rural is no longer tenable or productive. But this news has not yet reached the planners or politicians

It is likely that the settlements which will emerge in the coming decades - which may



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well be quite new and different versions of the inner city, town centre, suburb, edge city, waterfront, market town, urban village, tele-cottage, New Age commune – will have a greater influence on people's lives and aspirations than the global media or developments in information technology, the current front-runners in the "this is going to change the way we live for ever" stakes. Locality, increasingly, is destiny.

Social and demographic change continues to be determmed more by culture than technology. There are massive processes of restructuring happening to populations in both overwhelming rise of single-person households, "the most concentrations or districts), pervasive trend of the Eight-ies", according to the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys' journal Population Trends. It is estimated that 4 million new households will emerge in the next two decades, needed for new kinds of familial and domestic relationships, and requiring more flexible kinds of housing and tenure agreements, as well as reflecting the are the softer "quality of life" continuing rise of the one-parent family (Britain has the highest number of any European country). There is also the impact on the countryside of nearly a quarter of a million second homes.

All these demographic shifts are reshaping cities, towns and villages much more than the spread of personal computers or the sales of mobile phones and modems. Last week's White Paper on rural England drew attention to some of the disturbing trends in rural poverty and social displacement as long-standing rural families and their children are priced out of local housing markets by wealthier urban incomers. Some of those young people will end up joining the army of urban

The complexity of the increasing overlap between town and country patterns and lifestyles is daunting, and in urgent need of new thinking and greater public debate. A sustainable future depends on it. We have to start by asking whether the British actually like cities or, even after 200 years of intense urbanisation. have yet come to terms with urban life. There are still major contradictions in attitudes and aspirations, for while more than 80 per cent of British people live in cities, more than two-thirds would choose to live in a small town or country village if they could, according to recent research.

Some manage to escape. In 11 cities or urban boroughs – Bristol, Bromley, Cardiff, Greenwich, Hounslow, Leicester, Merton, Middlesbrough, Sheffield, Southwark and Sutton - studied recently for the Comedia/Demos Park Life report on urban parks and open spaces, all suffered depopulation between 1981 and 1991. In just one decade, Bristol dropped from 438,038 to 370,300 and Southwark from 313,413 to 196,500, although both now claim to have halted

The flight from the cities in post-war Britain has been uneven but pronounced, and would be more noticeable but for the numbers of ethnic minority immigrants who replaced those who left. Britain's black the city and the countryside. and Asian communities over-The most important may be the whelmingly live in cities (and within them in quite specific and are likely to be the last groups to venture into the rural hinterland - even for a day let alone to live. It is still the case that the countryside remains "white". Racism is, of course, one of the unspoken factors that informs some people's decisions to seek the rural idyll.

However, the usual reasons issues rather than housing or job prospects. People fear street crime, they worry about pollution and the health of their children, and view with increasing dismay the ageing infrastructure of services



schools, 19th-century, hos-pitals, Carnegie libraries, Victorian parks fraying at the edges, privatised buses churning out diesel smoke, boardedup department stores and shuttered high seconds uttered high streets.

What they want are out-oftown shopping malls easily accessible by car, multi-facility "leisure boxes" built on greenfield sites, country parks with car parks and interpretation centres, and modern schools to which their children can walk

The Park Life study showed

ferred to visit a country park or ont-of-town garden centre at the weekend than to walk to their local park; and the Council for the Protection of Rural England's report Leisure Landscapes, published last year, detailed the scale of the urban invasion into the countryside as The very notion of a working a place for sport and recreation, noting that 45 per cent of all car journeys are now made for leis-

ure purposes. The CPRE report showed how great the pressures on the countryside are in terms of into a playground, heritage active sports and recreation, as trail or site for new kinds of

replace agricultural jobs and leisure woodlands and golf courses take up set-aside arable land. In 1950 there were 700,000 agricultural workers: today there are 200,000. Only 6 per cent of rural workers are now employed in agriculture. landscape, of rural life as a productive agricultural life, is now under siege as the Common Agricultural Policy and discretionary leisure spending com-

firming that urban and rural problems are becoming increasingly interlocked. As was obvious at last

month's National Trust centerary conference (a watershed of public heart-searching and selfcriticism), an increasing part of the Trust's work in managing its rural sites and properties is in reducing rather than increasing

As a body the National Trust is quietly powerful, not just in ana-born novelist Mike Phillips terms of its 2 million member- for a Radio 4 programme, he hine to turn the countryside ship but also in its extensive ownership of land and organis-

other people's lawns, if it so wished, including the Government's.

It was obvious at the Manchester conference that the National Trust now has its eye on the urban heritage and a keen interest in urban issues, organising workshops in association with the Black Environmental Network and on a num-

ber of other city initiatives. It is significant that the Countryside Commission, too, is beginning to make inroads into urban planning policy. Its offshoot, the Groundwork Trust, now largely works in urban areas on derelict land reclamation, and the commission has recently published a report on Urban Trees. Even more provocative, perhaps, was the recent launch by the CPRE of its "Urban Footprints" campaign, in favour of increased urban consolidation under the slogan: "The future of our countryside depends on our towns and cities treading more lightly on the environment."

The sub-text of this campaign could be thought to suggest, be it ever so gently, that city-dwellers should stay where they belong. Suddenly in Britain it seems that we are getting to a ridiculous situation where urban policy is being developed, by default, by rural pressure groups, some of which are keen to ensure that the urban masses stay put in their city

Cynics might also detect a degree of opportunism in the way in which rural and landed interests are wrapping themselves in the green flag and claiming environmental reasons for keeping the countryside free of outside intruders. However, there is little that can prevent the urban rich from buying into rural life, rather than simply visiting it. The modern village or market town, certainly in the South-east, is becoming a dormitory settlement, as people work in the city but go home at night to their version of the rural idyll.

It was ever thus according to the historian Martin Weiner, whose book English Culture and the Decline of the Industrial Spirit noted how frequently the industrial masters moved to join the rural aristocracy once they had made their pile. But the urge to leave Albert Square or Coronation Street to live in Ambridge still seems a pervasive ingredient of the English dream.

The only people who claim to love cities are the families and children of immigrants who bave settled here. When I recently interviewed the Guyfor a Radio 4 programme, he was effusive about the mag-

ational strength. It could park a lot of metaphorical tanks on never had the myth of a rural paradise. We embraced the city because it meant progress material progress, intellectual progress and educational progress."
The positive contribution

that ethnic minority communities have made to British urban life remains largely

unacknowledged.
The problem is, as Raymond Williams put it in The Country and the City, that if the countryside represents the past and the city the future, where does this leave the present? The challenge which Jonathon Porritt threw out at the National Trust conference was precisely on this issue: that the countryside has to be developed to suit modern needs. He raised the spectre of wind farms, currently a powerful symbol of rural opposition to modern life almost wholly on aesthetic grounds. Porritt is in favour of wind farms and went on to

#### The urge to leave Albert Square for Ambridge seems pervasive

unnerve some of the audience by arguing that in the move to develop environmentally sustainable ways of life, "landscape is not high on the list of factors which should be taken into account".

This was always Williams's argument - that landscape was the enemy of a working rural economy - and that aesthetic arguments about rural landscapes were invariably invoked to prevent any new thinking about new ways of working and living.

But new ways of working and living are precisely what Britain needs, as more and more demographic and social pressures and conflicts come to a head both in urban and rural areas. As the boundaries are breached between men's work and women's roles, between education and livelihood, between work and home, it is time to reconfigure the relations between town and country. We need planning and social policies which can provide both liveable cities and a productive, working countryside - and all the settlements and ways of life that might emerge in the spaces in

The author's most recent book, 'Staying Close to the River: Reflections on Travel and Politics', was published by Lawrence netism of the city. "You must & Wishart earlier this year.

### Diary

I shouldn't have sat up talking until 4am, but it had been a good party and I was enjoying myself. Five hours later I was enjoying myself less, as I got ready to go on a laborious journey to observe the Uister Unionist Party conference in Portrush (it takes two hours by crowded train to cover the 50 or so miles from Belfast). Normally, my natural ineptitude for packing poses little problem, since my assistant, Carol, is calm and practical, but on Friday morning she was out of action, for she had been at the same party and she is not as tough as I am. A traffic warden was harassing the cab driver so I had to rush, and this helped to ensure that I forgot the transformer for my American portable

printer. So I was not in the mood for the Muslim paragon who took me to the sirport, explaining all the way how he and his wife led clean lives, how they never went anywhere socially except to visit relatives, how he had never touched alcohol, tobacco or any female save his wife, and how it was the role of the woman to keep a good home.

I wondered if he had noticed the general air of dishevelment that characterises my front garden, as well as the boxes and papers in my hall, and was trying to show me the better way. But he was a nice man so I didn't shock him by teiling him why I was tired and had a headache.

Such experiences confirm me in my view that it should be possible – on

payment of a modest extra fee - to request or reject specific types of cab driver: "silent", "evangelical" or "convivial and sympathetic man-of-the-world" are the first few categories that come to mind.

President Clinton is not my kind of chap - and not just because of the way he wears his hair — but until Saturday he had done no harm to me personally. However, when I finally found a shop in Belfast that admitted to dealing in transformers, I was told that the whole stock had just been bought by the Europa Hotel. So because Clinton, with an entourage of 500, is whizzing through Belfast on the hunt-the spurious trish-ancestor leg of his presidential campaign next month, I was left seething and transformeriess. Some anti-Clinton verse would provide balm.

Incidentally, as David Trimble, the new leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, pointed out to his followers at dinner on Friday night, if Colin Powell is elected, there really will be an American president with distinguished Ulster ancestry. I look forward to observing Powell's effect on those pockets of Northern Ireland where people still innocently and without malice talk about "darkies".

At tea with my friend Gordon, I was served it in a mug from a Brussels souvenir shop that has gone the whole hog on the old poke about hell being a place where the English are the cooks and the Germans are the lovers. "The Perfect European," it explains, should be:

Cooking like a Brit Available as a Belgian Flexible as a Swede Sober as the Irish Talkative as a Finn Famous as a Luxembourger Humble as a Spaniard Humorous as a German Patient as an Austrian Organised as a Greek Driving like the French Technical as a Portuguese Controlled as an Italian

Discreet as a Dane.

Considering President Clinton recently had to apologise for speaking of "welshing on debts", there should be great scope for offence being taken here. Oh, and while we're at it, what do you suggest for the Scots and the Welsh - and indeed any other nationality you have

Speaking of cultural characteristics, my new dentist has harnessed what remains in me of the guilt that one can never quite shake off if born both *f*emale and Trish Catholic. "Oh dear," be remarks, as he messes about the back top left, "our little friend here isn't looking too happy."

So having always been no more than basically hygienic about such matters, I now feel that each little friend deserves care of the first order and spend what seems like hours on brushing-and-flossing duty. If the little chap about whom the dentist is particularly worried fails to survive, I will be distraught. How fortunate that my doctor doesn't talk like that about

George Hummer adds to our distinguished Portillo collection: Michael Portillo

Is not a cigarillo
The emission of smoke and smell Comes from mention of things Bruxelles.

However, mindful of this column's dedication to political balance, he has also given us: Robin Cook

Is a proper little dook He and his leader Tony Blair Make a most ignomic pair.
The real problem with the polylingual limerick," explains a learned new recruit, Lyndon Jones, "is the absence of marked tonic stress in the romance languages, which lend themselves altogether less well to the rhythm of the limerick than do the Germanic languages SUCh as OUT OWD."

But he tried anyway, and I particularly liked: "This Gasthaus is glorious!" said I Und hesellte ein fünfzehntes Ei Ma lo stomaco esplose Après huit de rosé

Ĥelaas! Bu is mijn leven voorbij My friend Séan MacRéamoinn, a veteran performer in this genre, offers those of you who are less gifted than Lyndon the comparatively easy exercise of finishing off: "A muchacha hermosa from Spain/In love with fear óg as [a young man from] Sinn Fein/Said "Arriba Irlanda!/But in/Šaid "Arriba Irlanda!/But I must add, with candour ...'



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Hail to the transformer



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### Peter Lilley's repo men

The word "bailiff" has always had a particularly nasty connotation in English culture. It calls to mind an insensitive brute, charged by a callous authority with the task of throwing the poor and desperate out of their own houses. To lib-erals everywhere the news - as revealed in this newspaper today - that the Government plans to use private firms of bailiffs to collect money wrongly paid by (or claimed from) the Department of Social Security will cause alarm. Daily Express readers, however, will probably rejoice at exactly the same news, believing that at long last something is being done about

the scroungers.

The problem that the Government is trying to address is certainly a big one. We have all heard about the gang frauds and seen Peter Lilley wave aloft the social security smart card that he hopes will help to suppress them. But a lot of the money is lost in more straightforward ways: claimants whose circumstances improve but who fail to advise the DSS, or where the DSS itself has simply miscalculated and paid too much. It is the job of recovering this overpayment that, in the first instance, is to be "market tested" - ie,

piloted in the private sector. In practice, this means handing over nearly 4,000 cases to each of two private debt recovery firms and evaluating how they do. So chaps whose expertise has been gained in the debt and repossession business will now be let loose on those who owe the state money. This approach is probably right - but the pilot must be handled with enormous care and subjected to the most rigorous scrutiny. There is, after all, no absolute reason why - given that such debt must be recovered - an efficient and responsible private

operation should not be employed to do The existence of competition in this field will probably drive up recovery rates and drive down costs. Nor does the idea of a pilot necessarily suggest (as the CPSA, the civil servants' trade union, claims) a lack of ministerial confidence in the market testing idea. the market testing idea. Piloting is a far more sensible thing to do than rushing headlong into privatisation - or, indeed, than simply maintaining the status quo.

But those who are employed to act on the state's behalf – particularly in an area populated both by the criminal and the genuinely unfortunate - must exercise the most careful discretion. As outlined in the memorandum written by John Coyle, boss of the Benefits Agency's debt recovery section, this discretion encompasses both style and substance. Confidentiality must be observed - despite the immense temptations to make use of information gleaned during recovery operations. Sensitivity must be employed in approaching different kinds of households, many of them troubled. These are not necessarily qualities that are linked in the public mind with the debt enforcers of documentary and news story.

The experience of the recent past, with agencies such as the Child Support Agency, Group 4 and others – while it does not support the claim that such activities must always be carried out directly by government civil servants - does indicate just how easily public confidence can be lost by clumsy or mept actions and how

long it takes to regain that confidence. And we do not wish to be told (should it all go horribly wrong) that government ministers cannot be held responsible for it because they were only involved in set-



Hasn't it been amusing, upsetting all those Greenpeace types by telling them how much you are enjoying global warming? Yes, it is tough on the Maldives and things won't be terrific in Bangladesh, but more long, hot summers and balmy autumns here in Britain would be great for the tourist industry. fun to see the pavements of this once rain-soaked and windswept island sprouting little wooden or plastic chairs and tables, as our whole society turned itself inside-out.

But now there is chilling news that looks set to spoil the sunshine party. The summer heat has encouraged the spread into these islands of ever larger housespiders from further south, has bred bigger native arachnids and has sent male spiders wild with a desire that engenders many more spiders hereafter.

To cap it all, this autumn's mild spell has encouraged heedless householders to fling open doors and windows - just at the time when these hormone-maddened spiders are mate-hunting. The result? Pretty soon our basements, bathrooms and boudoirs will resound to the shricks of horrified arachnophobes.

Unlike garden spiders with their nice colours, pretty webs and generally predictable behaviour, or bird-eating spiders with their endearing habit of living abroad and terrifying foreigners, the British house-spider seems to have been created for the express purpose of dis-

countenancing innocent British people. Though it is claimed that they prey on pests (such as house-flies), they seem to prefer just hanging out in fly-free places (such as the bath), or going for long, leisurely nocturnal rambles over duvets, up pillows and through hair. And they seem to know exactly who, in any house,

So, as the year draws to its close, mild arachnophobes will be sending off to mail-order firms for those strange spider-trappers on the end of a pole and then pestering their spouses to use them. Those with greater fear will be consulting the small army of phobia counsellors who, through hypnotism, aversion therapy (gradual exposure to ever-larger and more hideous spiders) and even "virtual reality", attempt to overcome irrational terror.

However, these can only be stop-gap solutions. Either the causes of the phobia itself must be discovered and dealt with - or the conditions that give rise to all these unnecessary spiders must be reversed. If, as one scientist at Bristol University believes, our fear is chemically caused, then the day may arrive when a couple of Achno-fen taken last thing at night will do the trick.

Until then, by far the simplest course of action is to campaign for a reduction in the emission of the greenhouse gases that are giving rise to global warming and to huge, horrible spiders.

#### ANOTHER VIEW Kenneth Calman

#### Anatomy of a Pill scare

The recent warnings about certain oral L contraceptives raise important issues about informing doctors and patients of the risks of their medicines. As Chief Medical Officer, I was closely involved in the decision and the subsequent action taken to make women and their doctors aware of the situation.

The overriding concern was that of publie health and the safety of women taking the contraceptives in question. At no stage were financial considerations an issue.

Three independent studies, carefully reviewed by the Committee on the Safety of Medicines, have demonstrated that oral contraceptives containing the progestogens, desogestrel and gestodene, are associated with twice the risk of venous thrombosis as compared with other oral contraceptives that are available. Yet the committee has been criticised for acting prematurely on the basis of as yet unpublished information.

Although the risks of oral contraceptives are small and their benefits considerable, it is clearly vital to inform women and their doctors as quickly as possible of important differences in the risks of the various types of oral contraceptives available so that they can make an informed choice.

Some doctors have been concerned that they did not receive information before coverage in the press. Considerable efforts were made to inform them. Three routes of communications were used; letters sent by first-class mail to arrive on 19 October, a fax to all directors of public health, who had been warned 12 hours beforehand to expect urgent information requiring immediate onward transmission to GPs and hospital doctors, and finally, faxes to hospital drug information pharmacists.

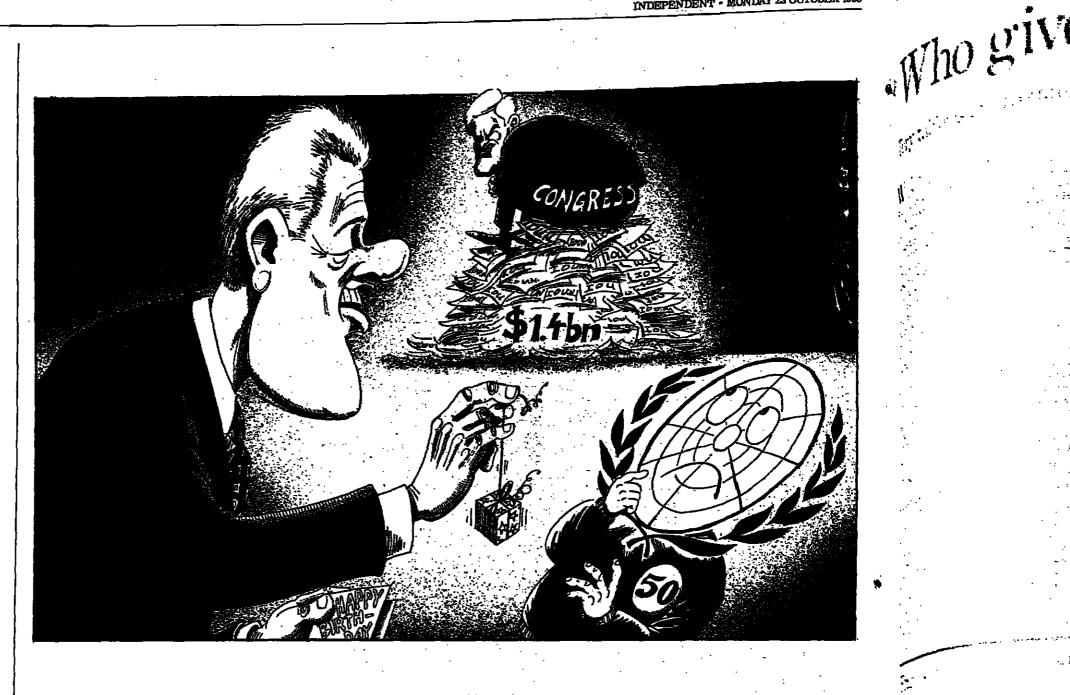
We regret that despite all these efforts, the broadcast media were informed - by one of the recipients of the letter, we understand - early on the morning of 19 October, before all the doctors had received the information. In reality this sort of problem cannot be avoided.

I am grateful for the way GPs and family planning doctors have responded and put the interests of women first. It is so mportant that we all co-operate to make this possible.

Crucially, the advice to women must be clear. The risks of all oral contraceptives are small, the risks of pregnancy far higher. If you are taking a pill not containing desogestrel or gestodene there is no cause for concern. For those who are taking oral contraceptives containing desogestrel or gestodene it is important to carry on with your current course and contact your doctor before its completion to discuss the options for change.

Such incidents will happen again and there will be a need to respond rapidly. Co-operation between the media, the professions and the department is essential to get clear public health advice speedily to those who need it.

The writer is the Government's Chief Med-



#### - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

### Fred West's life

From Ms Marguerite Evers Sir: I am amazed that the Official Solicitor, Peter Harris, is legally entitled to "sell" evidence acquired in the course of a prosecution by the Crown ("Fred West's life story sold off by goverument lawyer", 19 October). Surely this material is the property of the taxpayers whose security is being served by public offi-cials of the law, and any evidence is either the public property of all or withheld on proper grounds.

That he should regard it as his "duty" to engage in a streetwise commercial deal on behalf of the family of the accused is a grotesque misinterpretation of his office. It may be an interpretation so bizarre that it does not actually fall outside his permitted activities, but Peter Harris should be prevented from carrying out this deal, and personally I should him removed from office. An effective administrator needs to understand the spirit as well as the letter of the law.

Yours faithfully, MARGUERITE EVERS London, E14 19 October

From Dr Alan Bullion Sir: The Official Solicitor to the Fred West estate is poised to sell the film rights to Hollywood and has apparently hawked the book

(reports, 20 October). But why stop there? I am fully expecting a CD, T-shirts and a TV game show. Participants could nominate the actor most likely to play West in the biopic.

rights to the highest bidder

For once, I agree with John Major. It is not only extremely distasteful, but also an act of cynical exploitation, which can only cause yet more distress to the families of the victims.

All concerned in this tawdry littie project should feel thoroughly ashamed of themselves. They should examine their conscience and ask whether prurience should be used to create yet more profit and pain.

Yours faithfully, ALAN BULLION Tunbridge Wells 20 October

#### Better for verse

From Mr Peter Forbes Sir. Michael Glover's Eeyorish account of the parlous state of some poetry publishers' lists ("The problem with poetry", 10 Octo-ber) should not go unchallenged.

Mr Glover omits any mention of the acknowledged market leaders: Faber, Bloodaxe and Penguin. Here are some figures given to me by Faber yesterday: Anden, Tell Me the Truth About Love, 165,000; Philip Larkin, Col-lected Poems, 73,000; Larkin, The

Whitsun Weddings, 260,000. Further examples from other publishers: Poems on the Underround has done more than 100,000, Betjeman's Collected Poems has sold almost 2 million: and poets such as Seamus Heaney, Tony Harrison and Wendy Cope sell in the tens of thousands.

So why does Mr Glover focus entirely on publishers who simply aren't very good at selling poetry Yours sincerely, PETER FORBES

Editor Poetry Review The Poetry Society London, WC2

#### Profiting from | A church in partnership with its congregation | Bloomsbury

From Mr Geoffrey Ellis Sir: One can sympathise with the Rev Kit Chalcraft (Another View: "Priests for the people", 18 October) for having lost his job, though from all accounts he

was at least partly to blame, but he should not use your columns to make inaccurate observations on the current role of the laity in the Church of England. In the parish in a neighbouring diocese we are coming to the end of an interregnum; a new

parish priest joins us in January. From the start the parish, through the Parochial Church Council, was given every opportunity to decide who should minister to us. We drew up a "parish profile", which was dis-cussed at a meeting with our suffragan bishop, the archdeacon and the rural dean, to ensure that they and ourselves knew the

type of person we felt suitable. The church wardens were interview and recommend a new incumbent for appointment by the diocesan bishop. Although

serious approach

with a mixture of great affection

It seems to me that he is the

victim of the ambivalent attitude

of a wide cross-section of listen-

understanding, if not enthusi-asm, for his desire to increase the

audience of Radio 3, but also

deep reservations among listen-

ers about the method, particul-

Classic FM's

From Mr John Spearman

of Radio 3.

him to win.

one might criticise the time the want to add my support to his whole process has taken, at no time was any pressure put on us by any authority in the church to accept or refuse any candidate. We were perhaps additionally fortunate in being a singleparish country benefice, so there were no other parishes to consult and the choice may therefore have been made simpler.

I do not know how the selection procedure in our diocese compares with that of Norwich, but Mr Chalcraft's statement that "it is time that the church involved its people responsibly needs amending. We are involved; we accept the responsibility, we know that our church must become increasingly a part-nership between clergy and laity. Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY ELLIS Great Barton. Suffolk

19 October From The Rev John Young Sir: Without wishing to endorse all Kit Chalcraft's conclusions, I

lent commercial service with no responsibility to musical life other than to deliver listeners to advertisers". This is simply untrue.

Classic FM takes its responsib-Sir: I have listened to Radio 3 ility very seriously. We seek to since I was a child. I regard it promote the enjoyment and appreciation of serious music by and periodic irritation. The latall ages and across all sections of ter is usually provoked by the disthe community. Classic encourages young musicians by providappearance of programmes I particularly enjoyed, such as the ing broadcast platforms to reflect Morning Concert and Music their music, lives and careers. The Classic Charitable Trust Weekly. It is because of this that raises funds for music education. I feel considerable sympathy for while we maintain close links Nicholas Kenyon, the controller with all the national orchestras, particularly the Royal Philharmonic, which receives substantial direct and indirect financial supers, including myself. There is port through its association with

the station. We are continually seeking opportunities to entertain and lighten our audiences with performances they may not have heard before, but which might delight them. Yours sincerely.

arly if it impinges on their per-sonal affections. It is difficult or But I must now take issue with JOHN SPEARMAN comment of Mr Kenyon's "From where I stand: Nicholas Classic FM London, NW1 Kenyon", 17 October). He described Classic FM as an "excel-18 October

#### Parish the thought | Behaviour of MPs

From Mr Paul Claydon Sir: You mentioned briefly in your leader of 18 October ("The dream of Gummerius") that parish councils were being given some more nowers in the area of community transport. In fact, the Rural White Paper

goes much farther. It provides a clear endorsement of the impor tance of parish councils in representing local communities and contains a firm promise to develop their role in responding to the needs and priorities of local peopie. For too long parish councils have been a neglected tier of local government. A recognition of their worth and potential by central association, as the representative body for parish councils in England (and community councils in Wales), will seek to ensure that the Government keeps its promise. Yours faithfully, PAUL CLAYDON

National Association of

Local Connoits

London, WC1

From Dr John Beaven Sir. Nothing demonstrates more the need for an independent ethical body to scrutinise the behav-iour of MPs and government ministers than the row regarding the Home Secretary's alleged con-duct regarding the dismissal of the

director of prisons.

That the Home Secretary would be "cleared" by his Conservative parliamentary colleagues was not in doubt. Neither was it likely that the truth would emerge about the allegations in Parliament.

This has left the Home Secretary in a weakened position with an inadequate opportunity to clear his name, should he be innocent government is long overdue. The | of all allegations made against him. An independent ethical body would address these issues remove the party points scoring system of "justice" regarding alleged misconduct of Members of Parliament and restore public confidence in our politicians. Yours sincerely, JOHN BEAVEN Glossop, Derbyshire

arts not élitist

basic contention that Anglican priests who lack freehold are From Mr Richard Shone open to all manner of unjust and Sir. Polly Toynbee writes that polarbitrary removal, sometimes iticians who are outraged by for more negligible reasons. funding "élitist" arts from the lotsometimes even for no perceptery are out of touch with the tible reason at all. I do not times ("Politicians are the true understand how the Church can philistines", 18 October). She justify hiding behind the legal goes on to castigate Bloomsbury fiction that even the clergy who as having been, between the wars. hold the bishop's licence are a leading contributor to the schism in Britain between culture we hold office only at the and the population at large. It is bishop's discretion? Until Ms Toynbee who is out of touch in peddling a viewpoint that has licensed clergy (including members of team ministries, many

long been discredited.
Surely the Arts Council, since its foundation in the Forties, has brought the arts over the past 50 years within reach of a previously unimaginable number of people across the whole nation? The idea for the Arts Council, as everyone must know by now, was Lord Keynes's and sprang from the very heart of Bloomsbury. Earlier, in the Twenti Keynes, Roger Fry and Duncan Grant were closely involved in the London Artists' Association in order to bring contemporary art, through London and regional exhibitions, to the eyes and homes of people who might have

thought "modern" pictures beyond their taste and purse. When Leonard Woolf ran the Hogarth Press, he introduced several series of softbacked, cheaply priced books specifically to reach readers of modest means. The views put forward in Virginia Woolf's polemical writings on women and education and those propounded in several essays by Fry and EM Forster deploring the snobbish, restrictive views of the so-called "cultured classes" appear to me almost exactly contrary to Ms Toynbee's allegations. Yours faithfully,

RICHARD SHONE London, SW1

From Mr Quentin Bell Sir. Polly Toynbee tells us that the Bloomsbury group "encouraged lesser mortals to think that art was not for them".

Maynard Keynes, a central figure in Bloomsbury, became chairman of the wartime Council for the Encouragement of Music and Arts in 1942, and transformed that body into the Arts Council. I suppose Ms Toynbee thinks that was just for toffs". Yours faithfully, Quentin Bell.

Firle. Sussex 19 October

#### Alcohol in France

university chaplains and other

sector ministers and assistant

curates as well as priests-in-

charge) are brought within the

scope of employment protection legislation or some other form

of appeal or redress is devised.

episcopal references to "con-

temporary best practice" are

going to ring pretty hollow.

Awestruck by old

Sir: A new Crystal Palace at Syden-

ham (letters, 21 October) would

meet with my approval, but could

never engender the powerful emo-

tions I experienced when, as a

child, I visited the original there in

It was fusty and decaying at that time, and for me was redo-

lent of a past age. It was a mix-

ture of mansoleum and cathedral,

filling me with an inexplicable

awe. A feeling induced, I now

assume, by its vastness and its

exhilarating spookiness.

Strangely, when I heard that the pall of smoke rising to the east of our neighbourhood in Streatham

was Crystal Palace burning, the

prospect of its destruction evoked

little emotion in me, perhaps

because at 13 I was less sentimen-

tal about the structure and was too

involved in the excitement of the

event, as the few fortunate boys

with bicycles jumped on their

machines and pelted off towards

It was only recently that I learnt

that Churchill was present at the

fire: a fireman recalling that he

turned round to find the great

man standing behind him in car-

the conflagration.

pet slippers.

E PAULL

Yours faithfully,

London, SW16

Crystal Palace

JOHN YOUNG

From Mr E. Paull

the Thirties.

Leicester

Sir: David Lister (Diary, 17 October) draws the wrong conclusion from the fact that alcohol-related public order offences are much lower in France. There are a number of possible explanations for this, the most likely being that some cultures (such as ours) expect people to get rowdy when they are drunk, while other cultures expect them to stay relatively,quiet.

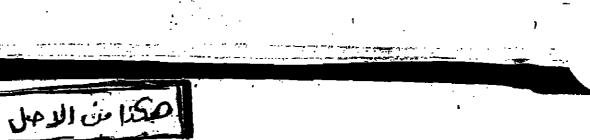
What Mr Lister fails to realise that deaths from liver disease in France run at roughly 10 times Stafford

the rate of deaths from the same cause in the UK (although rates of cirrhosis in France are starting to fall because of an intensive, and expensive, health education campaign), as do virtually all the other alcohol-related problems.

It is a myth that the French know how to manage alcohol. They drink more than we do and they suffer more ill-effects from it than we do. Teaching little children to drink as a matter of routine simply increases the number of adults with alcohol problems. Yours faithfully, TONI BRISHY

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## Who gives a good cause a bad name? Tory tabloids are frothing themselves into a lather over today's lottery grants to useful small charities

We have been waiting now for almost a year for the Charities to get National Lottery grants totalling Board to make its first allocations of lottery money, and there has been some impatience for today's announcement. That is partly because many people who support the large capital sums given to the arts believe those awards will not seem scandalous once the whole lottery scheme is up and running. That includes the Millennium Fund grants but, above all, it means today's allocation of money to charities. Once they start receiving their dosh, the sums allocated to arts and heritage will be seen in context.

Well, that's what I thought, and what I was arguing until yesterday. Then along came the Mail on Sunday and the Sunday Express, with their outraged discovery that, out of the £40m to be distributed today, "there is £170,000 for the Scottish Council on Alcohol and grants totalling £70,000

for other drugs projects".

The Scottish Council on Alcohol! I take it that this is not, as it were, the Whisky Marketing Board but, rather, a council concerned with problems arising from the excessive consump-tion of alcohol in Scotland. Why will there be "anger" at such a grant? Who precisely is going to be outraged at the allocation of cash to "an advice centre for the parents of drug addicts in

The first sentence of the Express story is a marvellous example of that

to get National Lottery grants totalling hundreds of thousands of pounds." No, drug addicts are not going to get these grants. Organisations that deal with them are. One can hardly think of a more traditional area of charitable work than alcohol and drug addiction, single mothers and refugees.

The Mail story focused its outrage on a grant of £90,000 that will go to the Eritrean Advice and Information Centre, described as being based "in a cramped room above a parade of shops in Stockwell Road, south London" (an upstairs room is always a bit sinister) and which gives advice to 7,000 Eritreans about housing, immigration and social security matters, including helping people fill in application forms"

Once again, here we have a descrip-tion of a typical charity in action, help-ing people, in this case, to receive the nefits to which they are entitled as refugees. Keeping them off the streets. Getting them established in the legitimate world. Giving them a fresh start

in life. Sounds sensible, doesn't it? The Mail, in its opinion cohumn, made a distinction between, on the one hand, the pet causes of the rich (the opera) and the obscure politically correct groups such as the Exitrean centre and, on the other, "the chari-ties which work their hearts out for ordinary people" - which are depicted as the losers. So the toffs in the crush paper's technique with the facts: bar (most of them Mail readers, I Drug addicts, refugees, single mothalways think) and the volunteers in



These attacks are always framed as if taxpayers' money is being squandered

cramped upstairs rooms in Stockwell form one class - the villains - while the injured parties are ... who? Charities that work for ordinary people? What could be more ordinary than the problems parents have in Glasgow when their children turn to drugs?

As examples of those losing out, the Mail cited groups fighting cancer, dia-betes or asthma. I hope that the people working in such groups will repudiate the attempt to put earnity between them and the kinds of charity that have benefited in the first round of grants, which was consciously directed towards the theme of "communities, families and individuals disadvantaged by low income".

One can believe it wrong to exclude medical research from future causes

to be supported, without following the Most in excoriating for instance, a "handout" to the Vietnamese Mental Health Project, clearly a group concerned with the long-term effects of psychologicai trauma.

I was talking to an old Tory politician the other day, who was inveighing against the modern demand for counselling. In his day, he said (and by his day he meant the Second World War), nobody expected counselling, nor did they get it. I replied that I thought this a pity. For instance, I understood that there was not only the question of the trauma suffered by soldiers but also, at the end of the war, there had been widespread psychological reactions among housewives. Once the tension of the war was over, they tended to collapse or show symp-

toms of depression.
What counselling would attempt, in these circumstances, would be at least to try to explain to these women that there were others in the same condition, that the aftershock of the war might continue to be felt in ways that one might not have predicted, and so forth. It was better, I thought, to be counselled than to suffer alone.

My companion heard me out politely, and I could see he knew exactly what I was talking about. But in the end he reverted to his point: there was too

much counselling going on.

There was a terrible story, not long ago, of a Vietnamese boy who had been adopted here by a very good family, had studied diligently and fulfilled

his ambition, which was to become a soldier. But then, of a sudden, he shot himself. The trauma, I suppose, had proved too much for him.

I don't say that the Vietnamese Mental Health Project would have been able to help this young man. But it might, by telling others about such cases, help them to understand what is happening when depression hits them, when it hits them years after the event. So it would appear that among the groups receiving grants today there are people who give long-term psy-chological assistance to traumatised Vietnamese and people who, from a cramped upstairs room in Stockwell Road, give practical advice and support to Eritreans. I shall read the rest of the list with interest. It sounds as if it will furnish quite an insight into the world of the small charities.

One might add that these attacks are always framed as if, when lottery money is allocated, it is "taxpayers" money" that is being squandered. But the money spent on the lottery has nothing to do with taxes, however much members of the Government would like to turn it into a tax substitnte. The sums that have been spent so far have gone only in the directions laid down when the lottery was founded. There was a deal: the nation would get the lottery, and the good causes would get the benefit. The criteria for spend-ing lottery money are and should be different from Conservative Party expenditure priorities. Or those, of

Sixteen nuns and an umbrella

comment

66T was in Rome last week," I Lsaid, as I took my foaming pint from the landlord and paused in order to get people's attention before launching into my travel tale.

It was a fatal move. The man beside me in the pub stirred

"I was in Rome briefly 10 years ago. I had an unfortunate encounter with a party of nuns, one of whom still writes to me regularly with marriage proposals.` Everyone turned away from

me, towards him. "Has anyone here been to St Peter's Souare?" said the man. "I was there only last week." I said, but no one paid me any

"lt's a huge concourse," he said, "a great open space like an airport terminal, because wherever you look there are different groups moving about, crisscrossing each other like trains in the dark, but they are not looking for their plane departure; they are looking for their coach, or their next cup of tea,

or maybe simply the way out. Anyway, I was all by myself and I had taken my umbrella along because it looked like rain, and at one point I was walking along trying to get it unfurled, holding it up and shak-ing it, and I suddenly realised that I was being followed by 16 nuns. I stopped. They stopped. I started. They followed me. Have you ever had the feeling you're being followed? I know that feeling. It's an especially strong feeling when there are 16

or their guide, or the lavatory,

"Why were you being followed by them?" asked someone.

nuns after you."

"That's obvious," I said. "If you have been to St Peter's, as l was last week, you will notice that all the group leaders have some sort of rallying object held up in the air. Actually, a funny thing happened to me ..."
"Often it is a walking stick,"

said the man, "or a red umbrella. Anything to let the group spot the tour guide from a long way off, if they have strayed away. Obviously the nuns mistook my waving umbrella for the group beacon."

"How did you get rid of them?" asked somebody. not their group leader and they told me - they were all American nuns, so we understood each other passably well - that they were well aware of that and that they had followed me on purpose because I looked more interesting than their own leader, who was a bully and a bore, and they now wanted to stick with me.

"There I was in St Peter's, with 16 nuns looking to me for a good time. So I said: 'Follow me, ladies,' and into the great

church we went. If I know one thing about large Catholic churches, or museums, or anywhere, it is that the most interesting parts of the building always have signs like "Keep Out" or "Staff Only" barring your way. So I made straight for a door marked "Private" and went through it. Some papal official, a Swiss guard or something, made an attempt to stop me, but when you see someone followed by 16 nuns, you hesi-tate, because you think they

must have clearance, and while he was hesitating we were through like a flash. "I don't know if you have ever been behind the scenes at St Peter's," said the man, looking challengingly at me. I said nothing. He had outsmarted me here and he knew it. "But it's a cross between a wellappointed golf club and one of

those London livery compa-

nies. Lots of changing rooms

and wardrobes, and lots of

relics in glass cases – bones and



skulls, mostly. I think they keep the relics there as going away presents for important Catholic visitors. The nuns were certainly very impressed, so I told them to take one each as a souvenir, and they needed no second invitation.

"Meanwhile, I bad been looking round for some clue as to where to go next - we were all alone in these back quarters and there was no one to ask and while they were sorting out their souvenirs, I chose at random a door at the far end of the hall. I opened it and ushered them all through, and then followed them out - and found myself with 16 nuns on the Pope's balcony overlooking the Square of St Peter! And the crowd all staring up at us and

There was a dramatic pause. It was broken by the ringing of "I didn't," said the man. "I the man's mobile phone. He looked concerned. He said he would come at once. He put it

> "Sorry, gents," he said.
> "Must dash. Finish the story some other time."

So saying, he left. Personally, I think he had made the whole thing up, just to ruin my story. Some people are like that. Can't bear competition. Anyway, as I was saying, I was in Rome a week or two back and ... damn! Run out of space. Some other time. I hope

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INSPIRING

Good leaders must weigh up all the facts

communicate them clearly and precisely

They have to lead by example, never

asking people to do things they wouldn't

do themselves. They must command both

the trust and the respect of their troops

then don't write to the editor, write to us

#### France's crisis lies in its failure to adapt to the end of the Cold War and one Germany, says David Marsh

### Traumatised by the new reality

Pity poor France! A Gallic conspiracy theorist, pondering the state of the nation, might ruefully imagine that France had been brought to its current low ebb by sleight of foreign hand. While nuclear test blasts echo fruitlessly around the south Pacific, at home the currency is languishing, economic growth declining, social divisiveness widening and confidence in political leadership crumbling. Could this be a product of a cunning plot to destabilise France by feeding it the illusion that the country could ignore the disagreeable realities of the post-Cold War world? By seeking to tie the franc to the mark in a bid to hold down a unified Germany - a policy now France been lured into a position of economic and political infirmity by its neighbour east of the Rhine?

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The truth is more prosaic. France is in a mess because of its own failure to make internal reforms to adjust to the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the ending of the US-Soviet superpower system. External circumstances have changed, but France still wants to play the game of "Carry On as a Grande Nation" - exerting pivotal international influence without the pivot. Promising a colourful mix of nationalism, Europeanism, socialism, corporatism and liberalism, President Jacques Chirac took office in April either unaware or uncaring of the contradictions in his policies. Six months and a string of broken promises later, the full extent of the crisis facing France's society and its decision-making structures has been laid bare. Chirac has been hoist with the petard

Unlike Margaret Thatcher, the current prime minister has been analysed little in office

by academics or serious authors.

Now two of John Major's closer

unelected colleagues, who quit

Downing Street recently, have

given us a valuable inside

Much of it could be called the

glimpse of his administration.

higher trivia of politics, from the

decorations in Downing Street

rooms to the little jokes swapped by the Prime Minister's staff.

Major himself comes across as

one would expect from close-

quarters supporters: a decent,

chivvied man of huge stamina

and considerable personal courage. When we get to the

1992 election and then the extra-

ordinary events of this summer,

the narrative is pacy enough to

draw the reader in; at one point

rooting for Major against -

France's economic malaise is just one element of its troubles. They include the spillover into France of terrorist attacks emanating from the bloody unrest in Algeria - a problem that both feeds and feeds off the growing alienation of the country's new-generation immigrants from the Maghreb. The economic crisis is, however, the most serious manifestation of France's ills, not least because it exposes the country's full vulnerability in the all-important bilateral comparison with Germany.

The sheer ponderous continuity of

France still wants to play the game of 'Carry on as a Grande Nation'

German political leadership has exacerbated France's task of maintaining economic credibility. Since 1983, when France shifted away from devaluations to keeping the franc steady against the mark, France has had eight prime min-isters, none of them achieving the full confidence of the financial markets while Germany has had Chancellor Helmut Kohi.

Over the past five years the power of French-style capitalism, epitomised by the omnipresence of grande écoleducated functionaties in industry, banking and the civil service, has been weakened beyond measure. Since German unification in 1990, top French industrial companies and

well, commentators like me.

here. This is a book which

comes alive when there is a

campaign on, against the Labour Party, or against sec-

tions of the Conservative Party,

or against European federalists

but which is much flatter when

the real business of government

book are unintentionally devas-

tating about Downing Street.

The amateurishness, strain and

Indeed, the earlier parts of the

is being described.

But there is something odd

banks have been much less successful than German ones in restructuring their operations to meet international

The decaying influence of the

French governmental élite has been evident, too, in budgetary policy. Wellmeaning statements of intent have not been turned into action. Unlike Germany, which has recently been more adept than expected in cutting its budget deficit to match the European targets for economic and monetary union, France's fiscal stance has been irresolute. Its public sector indebtedness, like that of Germany, has doubled during the past five years. France, though, has nothing to show for it which has taken on the extra debt to absorb and rehabilitate the former East Germany.

Edouard Balladur, the Gaullist prime minister between 1993 and 1995 and Chirac's opponent in the presidential election earlier this year. launched a piously worded crusade two-and-a-half years ago to head off what he called the "fatal trap of spiral-ling indebtedness". Balladur's thetoric far outstripped his capacity to deliver, and the deficit rose last year to 6 per cent of gross domestic product, dou-ble the Maastricht target.

Balladur's successor, Alam Juppé, warned three weeks ago that high public spending, particularly on social security, placed France in "national peril". Juppé has faced anger within his own party over his illegitimate use of a chic subsidised Paris apartment (which he is now being forced to vacate), a one-day general strike from public service workers protesting about a planned pay freeze, and increased attacks on the franc fort from right- and left-wing politicians. The latest came last week from Juppé's Gaullist rival Philippe Séguin, who criticised the "devastating" consequences of high French interest rates.

High short-term interest rates no longer support the franc. They depress it because the triple effect of lowering economic growth, pushing up government spending on unemployment and further weakening the capital base of France's badly overstretched banking system makes the franc fort policy

Whatever action is taken on the economic front, the short-term results will be dire

increasingly unsustainable in the eyes of the currency markets.

France will be able to avoid a for-mal devaluation against the mark thanks to the wider currency fluctuation bands that were brought in during the 1993 summer flare-up in the European exchange-rate mechanism. But the next few weeks are likely to show that France is willing to trade a weaker franc - and (inevitably) the postponement of its plans for European monetary union - in return for lower interest rates and hopes of economic recovery.

editorial on Friday, Britain, by lowering sterling's value against the mark in

based investment bank.

ple" that could "enrich" the French economic debate. Britain's devaluation, Le Monde pointed out, is one reason why the UK has I million fewer unemployed people than France. Unlike Britain in 1992, France has a low inflation rate and a current account surplus, but the overriding need to reduce interest rates indicates that the franc's link with the mark will shortly be "temporarily loosened" (as any Paris governmental euphemism would no doubt describe it).

September 1992, provided an "exam-

Unfortunately for Mr Chirac and Mr Juppé, France's troubles cannot be resolved simply by Houdini-like unravelling of the mark knot. Reflecting ital in much of French industry, as well as the sluggishness of European export markets, France's immediate corporate prospects would receive only a modest boost from a franc depreciation. Further, a looser monetary policy would require France to toughen further budgetary rigour - a move already demanded by the Patronat employers' federation, which is likely

to cause more pain all round. France is in the uncomfortable position of knowing that, whatever action it takes on the economic front, the short-term consequences will be dire. This will be grist to the mill of Parisian conspiracy theorists. Anglo-Saxon foreign-exchange dealers taking an autumn break around the Champs-Elysées in the next few weeks should take out extra insurance cover.

As Le Monde delicately put it in an editorial on Friday, Britain, by lower-egy at Robert Fleming, the London-

#### **BOOK REVIEW**

### The amateurs of Downing Street

Sarah Hogg and Jonathan Hill

overwork of the Prime Minister's office dominates. Much of the time this is presented as admirably British and jolly. Downing Street is a converted house, crammed with staff. "Compared with any Whitehall department, or the offices of heads of government anywhere

John Major's personal backup is "not generous". Diary pressures, cobbled-together speeches, exhausted meetings, missing clothes, snatched sandwiches ... on it goes. After a while the reader

begins to wonder whether this I caught myself unconsciously else in the Western world, it is jolly and admirable or, rather, is tiny. [This] ... puts enor- a remarkably bad way of trying

happen, newspaper stories hap-pen, polls happen, revolts hap-pen, bad policies happen. Our heroes, fuelled by Big Macs, nursery-school jokes and native grit hattle though But speak grit, battle through. But rarely do the authors convey much sense of purpose, of a driving central intelligence. This is particularly odd since TOO CLOSE TO CALL Hogg was, after all, head of the policy unit and the person in

charge of long-term strategic thinking, while Hill was head of Major's political office. The gossip at the time was that the policy unit in the Hogg era was over-whelmed by daily crisis man-agement and therefore unable to think properly. This book, writ-ten by the defence, makes that prosecution case compellingly.
The received wisdom is that things are working better under

two men who probably won't write a joint book referring to themselves in the third person. as these authors do. But this is about more than personalities; a tendency towards drift and short-termism seems built into the cramped, understaffed machinery at the heart of government. And John Major's experience shows how damaging it can be: administrative inadequacy and political failure are not unrelated.

So although this is a book which will be much quoted by historians of the Major years, it has nearer and sharper uses. I would be surprised if there weren't a few underlined and broken-backed copies lying around the office of the Leader of the Opposition. In fact, I'd be shocked if there weren't.

Andrew Marr

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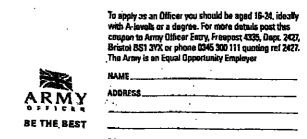
to govern a country. Major as a leader and Downing Street as a machine come across as essentially passive, driven by outside rres and rarely in control. Under the cumulative impact of general tiredness, things began to go wrong. The Prime Minister's schedule had become impossibly overloaded ....'

the new team of Norman Things happen. Foreigners Blackwell and Howell James -

by Tony Reeve and Steve Way

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of JO Hambro and Partners and one of the dissidents, said: "We

are trying to reach a compromise ... a long prolonged war is in

A former managing director of Daiwa Bank said he and other bank executives planned to continue concealing a \$1.1bn loss

at its New York branch until the mid-term book closing in Sep-

tember. Hiroyuki Yamaji, who resigned from the Osaka-based

bank on 9 October also hinted in an interview in the Asahi news-

paper yesterday that the Japanese authorities approved of the

action. Mr Yamaji's reported remarks could further strain re-

lations between US regulators and the Japanese. (Bloomberg)

Britain's small and medium-sized businesses rely more on short-

term financing than their continental European counterparts.

according to a survey from the venture capital group, 3i. A key

finding of the survey is that 42 per cent of Britain's small and

medium-sized company debt is in bank overdrafts, compared to 17 per cent of Germany's similar sized companies and an over-

all European average of 29 per cent. Only 19 per cent of the

UK companies surveyed employed long-term debt of over five

years, compared to 36 per cent of their German counterparts.

Asda, which last week announced price cuts on non-prescription medicines, yesterday said it was now slashing the price of

bananas from 25p to 19p a pound - the lowest price for nearly

20 years. Asda sells 8 million bananas a week and says the price

cut marks the first salvo in what it expects to be a price war in

the fruit and vegetable market. "These price cuts will maintain our position as Britain's lowest priced national superstore," said

Manufacturing pay awards averaged 3.5 per cent provisionally in the three months ending September, according to the latest CBI Pay Databank released today. This compares with 3.4 per cent for the three months ending June 1995 and 3 per cent for

the three months ending September last year. In the service sector pay awards averaged 3.4 per cent provisionally in the three

months ending September, down from 3.9 per cent a year ago.

China has failed in its bid to join the World Trade Organisa

tion. US trade representative Mickey Kantor said North Amer-

ica was one of several countries that has objections to China's

entry. "I don't know of any major trading nation who is impressed by the Chinese offers so far," Mr Kantor said, speaking at a press briefing of the so-called quadrialteral group – the US, Japan,

Canada and the European Union - in Harrogate yesterday.

Employees in the UK lose a higher proportion of their pay to income tax and social security than many of their counterparts

overseas, according to research from the accountancy firm Arthur Andersen. Typically, take-home pay for the British worker and

manager is amongst the lowest out of those surveyed. US em-

ployees are the best off while the Germans have the highest di-

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**World Trade Organisation shuns China** 

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### Few takers for rail sell-off

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR

In a poor omen for the eventual sale of Railtrack next year, two important elements of the rail privatisation process have attracted far fewer firm bids than

The Government intends to press ahead with the privatisation of Railtrack next spring, in spite of considerable opposition. Other parts of the railway network have already been put up

The sale of the three rolling stock companies, which now own all of BR's trains and locomotives, has attracted only two outside bidders in addition to the three management buyout teams. And there have been so few bidders for the three heavy-haul freight companies the Government is encouraging joint bids for all

Among outsiders, only two -a consortium involving Nomura and US broking organisation Babcock & Brown, and the US company GE - have expressed interest in buying the rolling stock companies, which are estimated to be worth around £500m each.

Both groups have bid for all three companies. But it is thought that GE may be on the point of withdrawing its offer, which does not comply fully with the seller's requirements.

The formal bids were posted with Hambros, the Government's adviser on the sale at the end of September. Sources close to the sale claimed that there was still a possibility of persuading GE to continue with its offer. Industry sources said the for-

mal interest in the rolling stock companies was disappointing given the wide spread of interest at the earlier bidding stage, with 41 companies seeking information on the sale.

The rolling stock companies were all given eight or 10-year eases to the train operators and the income stream is therefore predictable, with 80 per cent of t underwritten by the Government, which hopes to raise as much as £1.5bn from the sale.

The three freight companies, which were created out of BR's Trainload Freight, are all profitable and also attracted widespread interest initially. However, again, apart from the April or May next year.

management buy-out teams, only two outside companies, both from the US, have expressed an interest in buying

One, Wisconsin Central, is bidding for all three and has made it clear that it wants to reunite them into one company. It feels the enforced fragmentation is uncompetitive given that railfreight only has a 7 per cent share of the market and faces stiff competition from road. Transport ministers now appear to regret having split up the three and have advised the management buy-out teams to put in joint bids.

However, this worries railfreight users. Julia Clarke of the Railfreight Users Group said: "Having a monopoly would not benefit many railfreight users, particularly those, like steel and aggregates companies, which are quite heavy users of rail, for whom road is not a very viable alternative.

Meanwhile, the Transport Department is drawing up a new flexible scheme to franchise out the West Coast main line, which was dropped from the privatisation programme in the summer because of uncertainty over the £1bn cost of upgrading the line.

The Government is planning to offer bidders a choice both of the level of investment in the line and the type of new rolling stock. Bidders would not have to pay any of the capital in-vestment, but those opting for a more sophisticated solution would pay higher track access charges to Railtrack, the owner of the lines. They would also pay more to the rolling stock sing companies for the trains.

The options would range from state-of-the-art track and ultra-fast trains to a cheaper upgrading of the infrastructure for use by rolling stock little faster than British Rail's present high speed trains. Potential operators opting for the more expensive solutions would also be given a much longer franchise period than the present seven years.

Sir George Young, the transport minister, is pressing officials to have the options prepared as early as possible next year. However, it is unlikely that the West Coast line will be put out to franchise before the expected sale of Railtrack in



The train now standing at platform one belongs to... Only two outsiders have bid for the companies which now own all the rolling stock

#### Watchdog plans clampdown on health insurance schemes

to see a repetition of the per-sonal pension scandal in a few

The PLA's initiative comes at

a time when the Government

has been strongly signalling its

own move away from providing totally for people who fall ill and

the elderly in need of long-term

The Personal Investment Authority, the financial watchdog, is to clamp down for the first time on health insurance and long-term care products, a market which is worth hundreds of millions of pounds a year.

It is considering regulating their sale in order to avoid a scandal like that which hit per-

PIA officials are planning to draw up a discussion document during the next few months to debate the merits of tough controls on the rapidly growing health and medical insurance Although no decision is ex-

ected for some months, senior PIA executives are confident that they will be drawing up rules for some or all of the sector by the end of next year.

One source said: "One should not underestimate some

of the problems involved in arriving at a workable compromise in this area. "But it is virtually inevitable that there will have to be some-

thing in place in the very near "This is a market which many people expect to boom. There

The market for such products has risen sharply. Last year,

about 10,000 people took out long-term care policies for the first time, three times more than in the previous 12 months. The cost of a single premium

ch policies, can be about £10.000.

The remaining health insurance market, including medical and critical illness cover, is already several times larger than this and is widely expected to grow in the next decade. Critics have claimed that al-

lowing the uncontrolled sale of such products may lead to a problem of massive mis-selling. with many elderly people discovering too late that they have received bad advice.

Earlier this year, the Association of British Insurers, the industry's trade body, published would be an outcry if we were a detailed statement of best

practice for members. However, an ABI spokesman said yesterday this should not be taken to mean that the insurers association supports regulation led by the PIA.

Most companies are now willing to see long-term care products being regulated by the PIA. They also argue that health and medical insurance should remain largely unregulated.

Peter Gatenby, appointed actuary at PPP Lifetime Care, said: "We are in favour of regulation by the PIA in areas of for someone aged 60 or over, at training and competence of present the largest market for saleforces and advisers. We also believe that proper financial fact-finds of clients should be carried out.

> "Obviously, any rules would have to reflect the difference between the products we are marketing and other investment products." he added. "I would not be in favour of

> regulating health and medical

Other senior executives, who refused to be named, conceded that unless they accept that products will come under the watchdog's scrutiny they will eventually have controls foisted on them

## at Lovell

DAVID HELLIER

Robert Sellier, the chief executive of YJ Lovell, the struggling construction group, is to retire a year earlier than planned. Mr Sellier, 62, who arrived from George Wimpey in 1991, will leave the company next month.

Mr Sellier attracted attention

last year, when the company's annual accounts showed that his pay and pensions package cost the company £747,000, almost twice what it paid in dividends to its ordinary shareholders, £455,000 of the package was additional pension contributions and the fax on them.

A statement issued yesterday said Mr Sellier had originally planned to retire in August next year but, with the downsizing of the group - YJ Lovell recently decided to pull out of private housebuilding - the board agreed to Mr Sellier retiting earlier than planned.

Mr Sellier said his early departure was sensible given that the business had been slimmed in recent months and there was now a need to cut overheads. "I am a fairly substantial overhead," he admitted.

He said that his departure terms were confidential and still had to be ratified by the group. He added that there would be a payment for this year's pension but it would be less than last year's." Meanwhile, the company said

that David Heppell, currently president of the group's US division - and a former colleague of Mr Sellier's at Wimpey - will take over as chief executive instead of group director George Miller, who has decided "for personal reasons" not to take up the job as envisaged earlier this year.

Mr Sellier said Mr Miller, who would remain group director, desperately wanted the job but that his reasons for not now taking it were "very personal" and "very genuine." Mr Miller joined Lovell Con-

struction in 1960 as a management trainee

YJ Lovell reported a £4.1m profit last year and a half-year profit of nearly £900,00 but trading is believed to have worsened. Shares in YJ Lovell traded on Friday at 13p against a high for the year of 61p, valuing the 200-year-old group at little more than £5m. Last year, the shares touched 173p.

Mr Sellier said that he was pleased to have helped the group to its £70m-plus capital reconstruction but since that all health and long-term care | time the "markets have run against us." He dismissed suggestions that his early departure had been the result of a boardroom coup.

#### Brussels row over Board members of Scholl, the footcare group, met last night with a representative of the company's dissident shareholders in an effort to make peace ahead of tomorrow's extraordinary meet-£80m Jaguar aid ing. The dissident shareholders, who claim significant support, need a majority vote for a proposal that three Scholl board members step down, to be replaced by nominees who will work towards selling the company. Yesterday, Christopher Mills, a director

BY RUSSELL HOTTEN

A row is developing between the European Commission and the Department of Trade and Industry over delays in Brussels approving a government aid package to Jaguar. Sources in Brussels say the

DTI has been dragging its feet in replying to requests for information about the £80m subsidy to the company, and the Commission may not now be in a position to approve the aid until the end of the year.

A DTI official was due to

meet counterparts at the EU's competition office this week to belp speed up approval, which laguar says is essential if it is to go ahead with a £400m assembly plant.

Ford, which owns the Midlands-based luxury carmaker, had said that unless it received the money it would build a new Jaguar model, the X200, in the United States.

One critic of the DTT's handling of the affair said this weekend that the department had not fully thought through the terms of the aid, and was now having difficulty answering the Commission's questions.

Awarding the money is proving embarrassing for the DTL, and appears to be opening the floodgates for similar requests. Last week the Independent revealed that Rover group was talking to the DTI about a £70m-£100m package towards a £300m investment in a new engine plant. But a DTI spokeswoman dismissed the criticism, saying the size of the package meant it would take time to clear Commission competition rules. "We are responding to their questions in a timely man-

In July, when Ian Lang, president of the Board of Trade, announced Jaguar's investment in the blaze of publicity, the DTI said it expected speedy approval. The aid is divided into two tranches: £48m in regional selective assistance, and £32m in local authority and agency grants. It is thought the regional aid will be cleared but a question mark hangs over whether the £32m breaks Commission competition rules.

A Jaguar spokesman said this weekend that the company was still confident the Commission would eventually approve the aid.

Pensions claim fight DAVID HELLIER Morgan Stanley, the US in-

vestment bank, said yesterday it would fight a \$100m (£60m) claim made by Mirror Group Newspapers Pension Trustees. A spokeswoman for the US investment bank said last night that the claim - writs were served late last week in New York - was "without founda-tion". "We will seek to ensure that it will be seen as such if it

comes before the courts." The pension fund trustees are claiming \$100m, plus interest and punitive damages, from Morgan Stanley Trust Company, which is part of the investment bank.

The pension fund trustees claim the bank held \$100m of investments on behalf of the fund immediately before the death of Robert Maxwell and that the assets are now lost.

a number of institutions after 18

trustees. The pension fund is

Morgan Stanley is one of the few players involved in the pension fund debacle not to have taken part in a partial settlement brokered earlier this year bySir John Cuckney and Sir Peter Webster. The settlement, agreed with

months of negotiation, brought in a total of £276m for the pension funds and avoided the need for lengthy legal action. It included significant payments by the administrators of the Maxwell Communications Corp and the administrators of the private Maxwell companies. whichheld more than £200m in disputed pension fund assets.

The Morgan Stanley writ is believed to be the last significant claim that will be made by the now understood to have recovered enough cash to meet its pension obligations.

## Network Misal computing and See pages 15 - 19 section two

#### CBI unveils benchmarking plan Tim Eggar, the industry minister, claims no other countrade associations. The service

Business Editor

The Confederation of British Industry is to use its annual conference in two weeks' time to aunch a national "benchmarking" service for companies in conjunction with IBM and the London Business School. The service will use a com-

puter database to compare companies' performance with the best in their industries. Benchmarking has become one of the centrepieces of the Government's competitiveness drive, which is being overseen

by Michael Heseltine, the

Deputy Prime Minister. The Department of Trade and Industry is developing its own complementary service, targeted at smaller companies than the CBI scheme - those

try will have what he describes as "user friendly" benchmarking systems on such a large scale. He describes them as "self check mechanisms.

 The theory is that by ranking themselves against competitors on a range of criteria, companies are provided with an essential first step to identifying what they need do to improve their competitiveness. IBM and the London Busi-

ness School have done a detailed assessment of corporate best practice in more than 600 manufacturing companies in the UK, Germany and the Netherlands. This database is being used to provide the performance benchmarks. The services will be operat-

ed on personal computers

will take about two days to complete. It will begin with a questionnaire, followed by visits to the company from specialists who assess performance against the database, which has been effectively given to the employers' organisation.

Both the DTI and the CBI are to charge for their services.

with the CBI fee expected to be about £1,000. The Government's enthusiasm for benchmarking is based on studies that show that Britain has its fair share of world-class companies in size and quality of service but an un-

usually large number of laggards as well, which drag down national performance compared with the chief competitor countries. In the UK, companies with fewer than 60 employees. through the CBL, Business have a comparatively good



record on customer service. but firms generally compare poorly on factors such as degree. of automation, equipment layout in factories and employee

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#### GAVYN DAVIES

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#### The following is what I hope the Trea-sury told the Chancellor as he pon-consumer spending in recent months. Investdered his Budget options over the

Chancellor, the state of the economy is

ven harder to read than usual. Our preliminary forecast for the GDP figures out today shows a rise of 0.4-0.5 per cent in the third quarter. A significant deviation either way from the expected growth when the figures are published will have an important effect on market expectations of interest

So will Tuesday's CBI survey. Usually, this follows the pattern of the Chambers of Commerce and Purchasing Managers surveys. Both have painted a picture of a slowing economy, though not yet a contracting one. The most worrying feature has been a sharp rise in the balance of companies that believe their holdings of inventories are excessive. This could well foreshadow a quarter or two of declining stocks, which would severely dent the manufacturing sector.

Exports slowed earlier in the year, and all the surveys indicate that growth in foreign orders is still cooling off. Furthermore, business surveys in continental Europe indicate that our main export markets are slowing. But in the US growth has bounced back quite strongly from the doldrums seen ear-her this year. Overall, we expect export growth to improve, but probably not before the turn of the year.

Domestic demand is puzzling. The retail sector was weak in the first quarter, recovered strongly in the second, but has stag-nated in the third. Special factors, including ment, though, now seems to be growing quite strongly in the manufacturing sector,

and surveys for capital spending in both services and manufacturing are encouraging. The big question for policy is which way GDP growth will shift from its present rate, which is quite close to the 2.25 per cent per annum trend. Near term, it is quite likely to dip below this rate, because there is more

inventory shedding to be done, both here and on the Continent. This will be a rocky time politically. But the prospects for growth next year look good.

Real disposable income will grow by 2.5-3 per cent in 1996. and companies are readily able to finance additional capital spending. If a serious recession should develop next year, we would be at a loss to

explain why: monetary conditions are basically expansionary, and the private sector is not experiencing the balance-sheet strains that normally precede a recession. If there is a big shift away from trend GDP growth next vear, ît is more likely to be up than

A year ago, this prospect would have been quite alarming, since the economy was clearly exceeding the speed limits that lead to rising inflation. When interest rates were raised by 1.5 per cent about a year ago, many commentators said this was unnecessary. But subsequent inflation figures have proved them wrong. The underlying inflation rate is at a two-year high of 3.1 per cent, and will probably rise to 3.5 per cent in mid 1996, well above the 2.5 per cent target. Without last year's monetary tightening, it would almost certainly have moved above the 1-4 per cent

What they should have told the Chancellor

The great unknown is how much spare

capacity still exists in the economy. It is easy to conclude that output is still some 2-3 per cent below trend, but this depends on a mechanical extrapolation of the long-term trend. This is too simplistic. Many of the direct measures of the economy's capacity suggest that strains on the system are already running at about the same levels as they were in 1987, just before the take-off in inflation at the end of the last cycle.

Less familiar is the fact that it is also now true of many important measures of slack in the labour market. As the graph shows, the combination of vacancies and unemployment relative to their trends is about to enter the danger ter-

ritory seen in the 1987-89 period. Average earnings increases have admittedly been much more subdued than our equations have been predicting. but basic settlements themselves are now rising unite strongly.

Our conclusion is

that the long-term trend in the economy may have temporarily been depressed by a lack of capital investment. Given the high rates of return on there is every reason

can be restored to previous trends, but it may take some time. We therefore see the current slowdown in demand growth as good news - a vindication of the policy stance pursued in the past 18 months. Our main expectation is that it will not go much further. Pressures for a base rate cut will probably intensify as the inventory shake-out develops in the next few months, but we would try to minimise any easing in monetary policy during this temporary weakness. Cuts now could spell the need for increases in base rates just before the election.

Finally, the Budget. The public sector borrowing requirement will be around 3.5 per cent of GDP this year, still much too high. As you, Chancellor, have been saying in public, it is not yet clear that tax cuts can be "afforded", in the sense that the public borrowing problem has been solved. Only if tough control over public spending can be maintained and if the economy can grow faster than trend for a couple more years will the Budget get anywhere near your balance in the medium term. Minor tax cuts might be just about acceptable if we can get the spending cuts we want. But that will result in a freeze in real spending in the year before the election - something the Tory party may

not be prepared for.

Furthermore, we have not succeeded in hitting our real spending targets in any recent year, so the markets are questioning our resolve. If you come under too much pressure for tax cuts from your colleagues, tell them this : a financial crisis in the runto believe the growth up to the election is just about the last thing of the capital stock the Government needs. - HM Treasury

13 years after Laker Airways nose-dived into oblivion, its founder is still bitter and plotting reincarnation on a Europe-Florida run

### 'Fly me' folk hero set to take to skies again

Sir Freddie Laker's personal assistant had told me to look out for a Rolls Royce, though she was not sure which of the two he keeps in Florida he would be driving. "It will be either blue or white," she said. But when he turned up outside my hotel at the agreed time he was in neither. Instead, he was behind the wheel of a lowslung gold Nissan sports car of uncertain vintage.

He pushed open the passenger door and greeted me with that old fly-me grin. Before long, we were heading south from Fort Lauderdale towards Miami on an interstate that Sir Freddie hopes will soon be buzzing with British tourists on fly-drive packages to Florida courtesy of himself. For the complains that he was illegally former pioneer of cheap trans-Atlantic travel and folk-bero entrepreneur is about to take a His liquidator launched a lawflying leap over the pond once

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On 28 March next year, all being well, Sir Freddie will take off triumphantly from Gatwick Airport, his old base, aboard a newly refurbished DC10 air-

#### "There was no way I could put **HumptyDumpty** together again"

liner, his still-famous name printed in eight-foot letters down each side. The plane will be one of three of the wide-bodied jets with which he intends to launch a reincarnated Laker Airways, shuttling package tourists from Britain, Germany and possibly also Italy to southern Florida.

Throughout our day together - in his doctor's surgery, in an aircraft maintainence hangar and in his offices on the edge of Fort Lauderdale airport - we nattered about his prospective comeback. Aged 73 and recently recovered from a scrape with prostate cancer, he still has the fizz and enthusiasm of someone much younger. And only occasionally did he allow the conversation to turn back to darker times and to his former

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SIR FREDDIE LAKER

nemesis, Lord King. It has been 13 years since the original Laker Airways, which in the late Seventies and early Eighties introduced thousands of Britons to cheap trans-Atlantic flying with the Skytrain service, came unglued. After a period of rapid and buccaneering expansion into the fifth largest carrier between Britain and North America, Skytrain collapsed in

"It should never have happened. The airline should never have stopped running," says Sir Freddie, who today still driven out of business by other airlines colluding to slash prices. suit in the United States against British Airways and eight other carriers. In 1985, they finally settled out of court and gave Sir Freddie a peace offering of

Sir Freddie claims he does not harbour any bitterness over the affair. "The trouble about being bitter is that you don't come to the right decisions," he says. But on this he not terribly convincing. He says, almost in the same breath, that it was a "giant conspiracy". "I was screwed out of my mind. They thought n was fair to break the law. They broke the law. And the Government was in it up to the eye-

Lord King, he implies, got his just deserts when he was ousted after BA was found guilty of dirty tricks against Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic. "Why do you think he had to leave? He left in disgrace."

So after the vindication of the settlement why didn't he revive the old Laker? "Because I was virtually shut out in everything got to 1985, there was no way I could put Humpty Dumpty together again. It was obvious that the Government didn't want me in the aviation business in England and I had been aviation since I was 16. By then he had already es-

tablished new homes in Miami and in the Bahamas, where he acted as a consultant to the Princess resort hotels - owned then and now by his long-time friend, Tiny Rowland.

Soon, he was testing his wings again, flying guests from the American mainland to the hotels, at first by leasing aircraft from other carriers. In 1992, however, he and a group of partners, including Oscar Wyatt, the multi-millionaire founder of the giant oil and gas conglomerate, Coast Corporation, founded Laker Airways (Bahamas) Ltd to do the job themselves. The mini-carrier, he says, has no debt and "makes a profit every day".

It was one of that operation's two Boeing 727 airliners that took us to the maintenance hangar on the edge of Miami's International Airport. The 19year-old plane was undergoing a mandatory strip-down and not looking its best.

After checking first that the supervisor was watching the time sheets - Sir Freddie is evidently scrupulous about what he spends - he toured the machine. He was enraged to find the interior a shambles, with seat rows in piles and dirty escape doors lying on new carpeting. "They have no soul," he said later, vowing to use a different company next time.

From there we went to the Laker offices at Fort Lauderdale airport, where all activity was directed at the new trans-Atlantic venture. Waiting in Sir Freddie's suite, festooned with old Skytrain memorabilia, were artist's drawings of how the new DC10s might look. The black-and-red livery is

the same as on the original Lak-I wanted to do. By the time we er planes, minus the star-spangled Skytrain insignia. He ordered that the lettering of Laker be made a bit taller, concluding that the version with the initials LA intertwined on the tail looked ugly and should be ditched. The old Laker bird will go there instead.



Sky's the limit? Sir Freddie hopes with more than 250 million potential customers the new Laker will swiftly grow

nership between his oilman friend. Mr Wvatt, and himself. They will hold 51 per cent and 49 per cent of the company respectively, but to comply with US foreign-ownership rules, Sir Freddie will only have 25 per cent of the voting rights.

Both are putting up the capital personally, without recourse to loans. But when asked what the sums actually were, Sir Freddie was suddenly coy. The three aircraft, meanwhile, have been leased on an eight-year contract from General Electric's leasing arm and are currently being refurbished in North Car-

The DC10s are the same aircraft used for Skytrain - Laker was the first airline outside the

The new airline will be a part- dead-cheap but bring-yourown-food service will end. Sir Freddie hopes that his new carrier will eventually have full scheduled routes, but in the meantime he expects package operators in Britain and Europe

to fill his planes. In Britain, TransAtlantic Vacations has already begun printed brochures featuring Laker flights. And the sales pitch is not rock-bottom fares, but "superior cabin service". Every seat, for example, will have individual state-of-the-art video units, a first for a charter carrier.

"It is a saying in racing that you must come in first, it's no good being second. I was first with Skytrain, but this time I'm not even second, I'm last," Sir Freddie said. "But I believe that US to buy them - but that is in being last I can also become where the similarity with the old.

of all the new technologies that those already out there have not had access to. We're busy thinking up ideas for enhanced ser-

The planes will be based at Gatwick, Manchester and Fort Lauderdale. In a nice irony, Sir Freddie expects to offer the maintainence contract for his fleet to BA. "It's a different airline from what is was under Lord King," he chuckles. "And you don't have to sleep with

Sir Freddie's optimism is based on the premise that travel from Europe, including east-ern Europe, to southern Florida is set to boom. He and Mr Wyatt, widely seen as an astute investor, calculate that from next year, package operators would have been facing a shortage of seats, particularly on wide-bod-

ied, multi-engined aircraft capable of making the journey

Isn't Sir Freddie risking being shot down all over again? He thinks not. It might help that one of those he will be competing with on the Florida run will be Mr Branson himself, a close friend and the one man in British aviation for whom Sir Freddie expresses unalloyed

admiration. But he does not imagine that other airlines, including BA, could feel threatened by a small-fry, three-plane operation like his will be. But just in case they are, he warns: "They wouldn't get past the doorstep before being sued."

The new Laker Airways may not be small for ever. Sir Freddie admits to a fond hope that his 17-year-old son, also FredPhotograph: David Usborne

die, might one day take it over. And he points to the potential "It's an American airline that

won't be limited in scope in the way that British carriers are. I've got 250 million Americans as my [potential] customers. And we've got a place called Honolulu in Hawaii and Canada and South America."

Sir Freddie is getting a bit ahead of himself here. In my mind, I flash back to an American television commercial featuring the man himself on board one of his planes, which was filmed just before the demise of Skytrain.

With that same, unabashed Laker grin, he turns to the camera and asks: "Are you ready... for Sir Freddie?" Are we? Again?

David Usborne

### Brewers face new 'widget' real ale challenge

ing competition, falling beer consumption, and the steady flow of cheap cross-Channel imports. But minor breweries are opening every week, with a record 57 new brewers starting up last year alone. This brings the total number of producers of real ale to 347, according to the industry's guardian augel,

New entries to this year's Good Beer Guide have set up shop in buildings as varied as a disused woollen mill, an historic dockyard, an old forge, a garage, a converted granary, and a former county court building.

While the beers may vary in quality, their names are almost universally awful, including Double Whammy, Bog Standard Bitter and Piddle in the

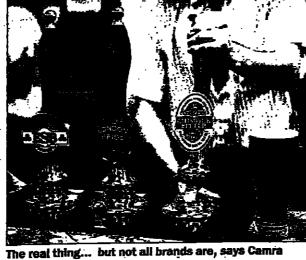
The companies themselves rejoice in equally idiomatic names such as Leaking Boot, Leatherbritches - which also

Giant breweries may be keeps pigs and makes beer sausages – and Frog Island, which happens to operate in the shadow of the Carlsberg lager brewery in Northampton. Some of these will undoubt-

edly fail, some will operate for fun as much as profit, but the chances are that maybe a dozen will follow the example of Bruce's Brewery and its "Fillin-the-blank and Firkin" pubs. Founded in 1979 near the start of the real ale revival, the chain now numbers 60 pubs-with 21 in-house breweries - and is part of Carlsberg-Tetley.

The big brewers revived real ales alongside their standard ales and lagers, and now treat them as premium beers. A few years ago peace almost broke out between the big brewers and

But the editor of the Good Beer Guide, Jeff Evans, has declared war on the big brewers again for a development that he says amounts to reintroducing keg beers under false colours.



beer and topping the display care and keeps less well

preserve draught beer in a can. to simulate real ales and serve them from a keg, using a swannecked dispenser to aerate the real ale, which needs greater

They are using the "widget" with a dummy hand-pump. technology, first developed to These nitrokeg beers, as Camra calls them, are cheaper to brew and three to four times more profitable than gennine

in the 60s, when mass-produced keg beers like Watnevs Red Barrel were driving cask conditioned beers out of exis-

The worst offenders in Camra's eyes are Yorkshire-based breweries like John Smith and Tetley, which offer parallel versions of their best beers. Camra suspects that Courage is about to follow suit.

Caffrey's Irish Ale, brewed in Northern Ireland by Bass, is typical of nitrokeg beers, and makes no claim to be anything else, says Camra. But customers pay an extra 10p a pint for it on average, which must be working wonders for Bass profits.

However, Camra and the big brewers are united in their appeal to the Chancellor to stem the tide of cheap beer that is crossing the channel. The average UK pint of bit-

ter costs £1.43, of which the Chancellor gets 46p, compris-

Real ale has made a big ing 25p of excise duty and 21p comeback since the dark days of VAL Brewing and delivering the beer cost 27p, while running costs of the pub add a further 32p, leaving a gross profit of 38p, says the guide – of which the shareholders get an average 6p. By contrast, the duty in France works out at around 4p

As a percentage of total costs tax has actually fallen, especially from the high point caused by the imposition of VAT. But the average UK pint could still be 30o cheaper if cross-Channel

taxes were harmonised. The Good Beer Guide lists 5,000 real ale pubs and 53 Beers of the Year, divided into eight categories and covering the country from the Orkneys to the South Coast. The winners include three medium-sized regional breweries - Fullers of London, Eldridge Pope from Dorset, both quoted companies, and the Lincolnshire-based Bateman.

Clifford German

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MORTGAGE CUSTOMERS

#### **Interest Rate Change**

The rates of interest for existing mortgage customers (m appropriate cases the basic rate) will decrease by 0.45% with effect from 31st October 1995.

Fixed rate mortgages are not affected during the contractual fixed rate period.

In cases where mortgage interest rate changes are subject to notice, the decrease will take place after the appropriate notice period which will commence on 31st October 1995.

There will be no change to the interest rates on existing Secured Personal Loans regulated by the Consumer Credit

For customers participating in the Society's annual review procedure, this interest rate decrease will be taken into account when calculating new monthly payments from March 1996 or, in appropriate cases, the anniversary of the

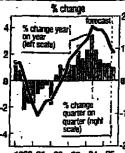


ed £1.5 billion

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EGMs: Aran Energy, GT Chile Growth, Millgate, Trio Hlds The slowdown in the economy

is likely to mean a smaller increase in GDP in the third quarter. Today's preliminary figure - the most important in a quiet week for statistics - is expected to signal a 0.5 per cent increase in the quarter. This will take the year on year growth rate to 2.3 per cent down from 2.8 per cent in the second quarter and 3.7 per cent in the first. This would be the lowest growth rate since mid-1993. Economists think both manufacturing and services

TOMORROW

Expect shares in Wolseley, the builders merchant, to jump if full year pre-tax profits are in excess of £255m. The consensus is for £245m, an increase of 21 per cent over 1994. How-

tainty affecting the UK and a slowing down for Ferguson in the US. McKechnie, the plastics and consumer goods group, has also suffered from a depressed UK consumer market. However, brokers are looking for a substantial in-crease in 1995 pre-tax profits, with Nat West Markets expect-ing £46.5m against £32.2m last time. The 10 per cent increase in the interim dividend suggests confidence about the second half. But McKechnie's markets are unlikely to have improved and the outlook is still difficult

in many areas. Finals: Scottish Metro, Abtrust High Income Trust, London & St Lawrence. Interims: Boxmore Interna-

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EGMs: Scholi

Recent surveys have pointed to continuing slowdown in the manufacturing industry, and to-day's industrial trends survey from the Confederation of British Industry is unlikely to be an exception. Domestic or-

lowing suit. The City will watch the CBI prices balance for evidence cost pressures in the early stages of the inflation pipeline are easing. This reassurance is needed after disappointing retail figures for last

WEDNESDAY

THE WEEK AHEAD

Smiths Industries, the aerospace and defence engineer, is expected to report strong full-year results, with NatWest Markets predicting a 17 per cent increase on last year's pre-tax profits of £117.2m. While profits from aquisitions will play a less significant role in the second half, the company looks well-placed to reap the

Smith's single-use medical business in the US and a suggestion the industrial business had seen some slowdown in demand during the second half. Finals: UDO Holdings Interims: Anglo St James, WPP Group, SmithKline

Annual meetings: Abtrust Latin American, Cala, Jos Holdings, Pacific Horizon Trust, Primadona. EGMs: Aspen Communica-

tions, First Choice Holidays, Hicking Pentecost, Pacific Horizon Trust.

All eyes will be on the £3bn gilts auction, the first after last month's embastrassing flop. Also to be released are thirdquarter statistics for bricks and cement production and deliveries and third-quarter mort-

THURSDAY

Finals: Eurovein, Schroder Income Growth, Scottish Oriental Smaller, Majedie, Pressac Holdings, Schroder Income Growth, Morgan Grenfell Equity, Overseas Investment Trust Interims: British & American

Mills, Free State Development, Lister & Co, Quayle Munro Holdings Economics: The 1995 earnings survey, broken down by indus-try, is published. Also released today: new vehicle registra-tions for September and

August energy trends. FRIDAY

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Finals: Murray Enterprise. Interims: Expamet International, Midland & Scottish Re-

sources, Seafield

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Film, ICI, Kleinwort Emerg-ing, NEC Corp, Toshiba Corp, Westbury. gage lending by British banks. Digest of Agricultural Census ever, the company is likely to Trust, HF Joel, London Secuder books have already weakbenefits of a recovery in aerobe cautious on the prospects of rities, Ocean Wilson Holdings, ened, and there have been space demand. Two slight wor-Randfontein Estates, Silk In-1990 91 92 93 94 95 its key markets, with uncersigns that export orders are folries are the flat performance of Annual meetings: Dowding & statistics for UK -1994. Prices are in stering except where stated. The yield is last year's dividend, grossed up per cent, as a percentage of the share price. The price/earnings (P/E) ratio is the share INTERNATIONALS Other details: ar Ex rights; x Ex-divident; a Ex-all; a Unlisted Sea a Suspended; pp Partly Patd; pm Nil Patd Shares. Afficer occurses
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**sport** 

London to

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America's National Basketball Association has pinpointed London as the next outpost in its colonisation of the world.

The NBA plans to open a London office to spearhead its mar-

keting and merchandising drive

in Western Europe, where they

already sell more than £20m

end's McDonald's Champion-

ships. But, had the NBA management needed an extra

push, the sight of 10,708 main-

ly young supporters watching the Houston Rockets beat Buckler

Bologna 126-112 in the final at

the London Arena, would certainly have convinced them.
The NBA invested \$400,000

in increasing the venue's ca-

pacity for the three-day event

and was rewarded with sell-outs

Geneva will continue as the

headquarters of NBA Europe,

but London will be the first of

several satellite offices the NBA

Ray Lalonde, NBA Europe's

head of marketing, said: "It's the

next natural step for us. You

have the arenas now, the kids

who want to play and, from this

weekend, it's obvious they want to watch as well. England is an

ideal market." Channel 4's cov-

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plans around the continent.

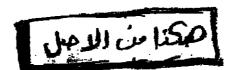
on Friday and Saturday.

The decision had already been taken before this week-

worth of products a year.

**Basketball** 

**DUNCAN HOOPER** 



RACING: A trainer who has built up his stable the hard way takes on the Americans with a remarkable filly

### Rose ready to turn on the heat

Shortly after teatime on Saturday we will be able to pass judgement on the 1995 Breeders' Cup meeting, and if recent history is any guide, there are but two possible verdicts. It will be racing's Olympiad, a true and valuable test to find the world's best horses. Or it will be an unrepresentative, drug-fuelled circus which does nothing to benefit the sport in Britain.

Ladbrokes make the second option an odds-on chance, with their offer of 10-11 that the British-based runners will return

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Rebel County (Leicester 2.15) NB: Set The Fashion (Lingfield 1.30)

from Belmont Park emptyhanded. In theory, there is no reason why a racing follower's allegiance should extend any further than the latest horse to carry their money, but when the Breeders' Cup comes around. we get just as tribal as football

Never mind that the logic which makes some of them "ours" is of a sort which Jack Charlton might recognise, or

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Cob

record – three winners, countless disappointments – a dispassionate approach might be easier on both the wallet and the

Everyone knows that beating North American horses on their own turf - not to mention their own dirt - requires a final, exceptional effort from animals which have already spent many months racing against the best. Yet still we back them, just in case. But when the team contains horses like Hever Golf Rose, who can resist? Hard at work since April, the winner of eight races in five countries, she has secured the growing repu-tation of Joe Naughton, her trainer, and offered a reminder that there is more to Epsom than just a racecourse.

Lake Coniston, who will join her in the field for the Breed-ers' Cup Sprint, is another lo-cal resident, at Geoff Lewis's yard, and as Naughton said: "it will be good if people start to realise that there is life beyond Newmarket and Lambourn. Big business people in London have got a great training centre right on their doorstep and it's nice that they are waking up to

Certainly, they are waking up to Naughton, thanks principally to Hever Golf Rose, who provided his first Group One that in view of Britain's past succes in the Prix de l'Abbaye



Hever Golf Rose carries her stable lad Matt Jermy around a tight bend on Lingfield's sand track on Saturday

**HYPERION** 

GOING: Turi - Good; All-weather track - Standard.

STALLS: Turi - 51 to 71 - stands' side; round course - outside rail; AW - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers may have an advantage in turi races 51 to 71.

ILeft-hand course. Racecourse is south-east of town on B2028 Edenbridge road.

Seld railway sistion (served by London Victoria) adjoins course. ADMISSION: 1
bers 512, Tattersalls 58; Silver Ring 54. CAR PARE: Club 52; remainder free.

ELRADHOG TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: R O'Sullivan - 46 winners from 319 runners grees a success ratio of 14.4% and a loss to a £1 fevel stake of £44.71; R Hamman - 41 winners, 318 runners, 12.9%, -551.74; Lord Hunthagida - 40 winners, 198 runners, 20.2%, - 512.74; W O'Sceptus - 34 winners, 185 runners, 18.4%, -528.24.

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ELINGREED FIRST TIME: Meric (4.20); Mighay Squase (visored, 3.00), Analogna (visored, 4.20). WINNERS IN TIME LAST SEVEN DAIR: None.
LONG-DISTANCE EUDINERS: Live Project (1.20) & Tudeo (2.20) have been sent 270 miles by M Johnston from Middleham, North Yorkshire.

1.30 FALLING LEAF LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F) £3,650 added 7f Penalty Value £3,225 (AW)

— 16 declared — BETTING: 5-1 Distant Princess, 6-1 African Chimes, 7-1 Tonys SIR, Set The Fe Academy Lile, 19-1 Manum, 12-1 offices. 1994: African Chimes 7 9 3 Emma O'Gorman 9-2 (W O'Gorman) 15 ran

3,00 Taklif

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3.30 Antarctic Storm (nb)

earlier this month. "She's defin-tely been a big help," Naughton said. "I had about 40 horses at the start of this year, but next season I'll be up to 60 or 65."

Hever Golf Rose will leave for New York today, but the travelling, at least, is something which Naughton does not need to worry about.

On Saturday morning the filly had gentle spin around a bend on Lingfield's all-weather track, starting about a furlong from the winning post and travelled around the turn out into the back straight. This was another side to her preparation,

but the effects of her long campaign are harder to quantify.
"She's giving all the right indications, she's nice and bubbly," Naughton said. "She really

thrives on racing and she trav-els brilliantly, she settles in to a new environment straight away. But it's the end of a long year, and I think she'll either be very good or simply say she's had enough."

Naughton has held a licence for just five years, having spent the previous seven working for Barry Hills at a time when Peter Chapple-Hvam was also an

1.00 JEZYAH (nap) 1.30 Dream Carriers

2.30 Songsheet

Chapple-Hyam then started at the top as the master of Man-ton, but Naughton's progress has not been so smooth. "When I started I only had six horses and a run-down yard and I take a lot of personal satisfaction in what I've achieved. Obviously Peter's done brilliantly, but I'm getting there, even it if

Chapple-Hyam has already heen to Ensom and returned home with a Derby winner, but now it may be Naughton's turn. Young, easy-going and with more than a hint of south Lon-

has taken me a little more

don in his accent, he has all the makings of a people's champion. A final 60 seconds of effort by Hever Golf Rose on Saturday could take him into the big

Unlike Lake Coniston, Hever Golf Rose will not run with the assistance of either Lasix or Bute, the permitted performance-enhancing drugs. "It's not a moralistic thing, I just don't see the need," Naughton said. "She's always gives me everything anyway." Perhaps, for once, Ladbrokes have got it woong. If they have we'll make wrong. If they have, we'll make them pay.

Photograph: Robert Hallam

#### **Bank awaits**

Only firm ground may stop Barton Bank and an attempt to relaunch his career in the Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby on

David Nicholson, his trainer, reports that the nine-year-old, well beaten at Aintree on his last

Another top chaser, Coulton, made a winning return at Wincanton yesterday, beating Amtrak Express, by six lengths.

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start, "seems Al again".

began with the McDonald's adds to this ideal mix. The NBA is already considering alternative venues with larger ready-made capacities 3.00 McDOWELLS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,250 added 3YO 1m 6f Penalty Value £4,104 for other events, such as Man-

chester's Nynex Arena, which could hold 16,500 for basketball. The home of the Budweiser League's Manchester Giants, was considered as a venue for the McDonald's. "We just couldn't be sure it would be ready on time," said Lalonde. "With all the planning that goes into the McDonald's

we couldn't take the risk, but we

will definitely be back with other events in the UK." The event confirmed the gulf that exists between American pros and the best continental clubs. Sheffield Sharks were largely outclassed by Real Madrid and Maccabi Tel Aviv to finish sixth, while Bologna stayed with Houston for one

half before being swept aside.

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#### **Sixsmith** inspires **England**

Hockey

BILL COLWILL

Great Britain received a splendid boost for next month's Oivmoic qualifier in Cape Town when they beat Spain 3-1 in Madrid to win a three-match Test series against the Olympic champions 2-1.

Britain never looked back after a fifth-minute goal from Jane Sixsmith, following an interception by Sue MacDonald, MacDonald added a second and although Mar Feito pulled a goal back for Spain, Sixsmith ran 50 yards through the Spanish defence to carve out another opening, with MacDonald scoring from the rebound after Six-

smith's shot had been blocked. In the men's National League Reading and Old Loughtonians stayed two points clear at the top of the First Division ahead of Guildford, who yesterday completed their fourth successive victory over the defending champions, Teddington, winning 4-2 thanks to two goals

from player-coach Ian Jennings. At Reading Chris Keevil and Howard Hoskin both collected a couple of goals in their side's 7-2 win against Barford Tigers. In a bruising encounter at Chigwell, Old Loughtonians beat Cannock 2-1.

Although the Old Boys were attacking on the final whistle they had earlier survived a lot of pressure thanks to excellent defensive play from their England defender, Julian Halls, who goes into hospital tomorrow for a hernia operation.

In the Second Division Beeston and the newly-promoted City of Portsmouth lead the way with maximum points with Brooklands and Blueharts, the second promoted side, keeping the pressure on.

Blueharts continued their impressive start with a 1-0 win at Bourneville, in spite of being reduced to nine men for a period, thanks to a brave display of goalkeeping from Mick Brown, with Iain Appleyard scoring the only goal.

LEICESTER HYPERION 1.15 Matisse 1.45 Danish Circus 2.15 Rebei County 2.45 Peppers 3.15 Sanoosea 3.45 Karayb 4.15 Gone Savage 2.45 EBF FLECKNEY MAIDEN FILLES STAKES GOING: Firm (Good to Firm in p STALLS: Inside DRAW ADVANTAGE: None. (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO 6f nt-hand, undulating course, with a straight mile. Run-in of 250yds.

Receourse is 2 miles south-east of city off A6. Leicester railway sanion (London, St Pancas - Sheffield line) over 2 miles away.

ADMIASTON: Club 512; Tattersalls 58; Siver Ring £4. (accompanied under-15s free). CAR PARK: Prec. Siver Ring Car Park - £10 admits car and four occupants.

SIS All neces BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Golden Fish, Miss Iron Heart, Rad-

191 miles by C R Barvell from Stoodleigh, Devon; Enkay Day Song (2.45) & Friendly Brace (4.15) sent 175 miles by likes Gay Kellsway from Whitcombe, Dorset; Shaynes Domatica (1.18) sent 186 miles by R M Plower from Jevington, East Sussex. 1.15 SEAGRAFE APPRENTICE CLAIMING HAND-ICAP (CLASS 6) £3,250 added 1m 0-00510 RAFEEN (CAP) OF J A Hents 4 9 10 \_\_\_ J Edwards (5) 18
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4.15 THRUSSINGTON HANDICAP (CLASS E) 000000 WICHMOUD SANDY (39) IN COMPANY (39) IN

BETTHIS: 7-1 Cretan GHz, 8-1 Shephert Market, Bergin, 10-1 Sterling, Darking Duncer, 12-1 Friendly Brann, Sone Sanage, 14-1 others.

RACING RESULTS

WETHERBY 1.30; 1 Mr Mulligan (Mr R Johnson) 4-11 far; 2 Rye Crossing 3-1; 3 Le Fontain-blesu 25-1. 4 ran. 13, 4. (Nosi T Chence). Total: £1.40. DF: £1.50. CSF: £1.92. NR:

ATTREMENT AND ASSESSED Trio: £109.00. NR: Luks Akura. There was no bid for the winner. 2.30: 1 Wheat Fettle (A Dobbin) 100-30: 2 Silver Stick 15-8 fav; 3 Houghton 5-2.4 ran. 5. 4. (3 Richards). Totac £4.50, DP: 55.10 rsp. 50.19

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3.00: 1 Pharare (L. O'Hera) 6-1; 2 Newford Prince 14-1; 3 tesyn 11-2-12 ma. 5-2 for Our Main Men. 1, 17/s. (R Woodmous). Totas: 57-00; 52-30, 53-20, 52-40. De. £103.70. CSP: £84-12. Trienat: £448-13.

3.30: 1 Old Hubits (Miss P Robson) 5-3.30: 1 Out Hause (was Final or 2): 2 French by evens fax; 3 Explore Mondai 9-1 9 ran, 2:4, 7. U Eyes), Tota: £3.60; £1.30, £1.40, £1.80. DF: £3.10. CSP: £5.70. Tric: £6.90. NR: Counge Craft. 23, rd. 1100 10.304 res compt Craft. 4,00: 1 Carbrian Cisollenga (I. Wyer) 2-1; 2 Addington Boy 10-11 fay; 3 Wise Ad-vice 5-1, 5 ran. 2; 25. (M Eastaby). Totac £4.10; £1.50, £1.40, DP. £2.20, CSP: £4.04. 4.30: 1. Begines Banquet (5 Gratter) 11-4: 20 regissus Bay 8-1: 3 M-Five 5-1 13 ren. 5-2 for Felcon's Irrage. Tota: £4.20: £1.90, £2.40. DF: £18.10. CSP: £28.57. Trio: £11.40.

Placepot: £391.90, Quadpot: £48,20. Place 6: £203.09. Place 5: £139.09.

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WINCANTON 4-5 far, 2 Trust Deed 5-1; 3 Saracents Boy 33-1, 4 ran. sht-htl, 30. (M Pipe). Tota: £1.60. DP: £3.10. CSP: £4.77. NR: Tauean Tycoon, Bishops Castle.

2.15: 1 Pather Sky (/ McCarty) 1-6 fev. 2 Ballymgyr 10-1; 3 Marita Bay 9-1, 4 ran. 30, dist. (O Sherwood), Tete: £1.30. DP: £2.00. CSF: £2.49, 2.48: 1 Coulton (R Dunacco)) evens fav; 2 Amtrok Express 11-10; 3 Grange Broke 10-1. 3 ran. 6, disr. (D Stremood). Tota: £1.80. DF: £1.30. CSP: £2.27. NR: Egypt Mill Prince, James Pigg.

3.16: 1 Keep it Zipped (I McCarthy) 3-1; 2 Amber Veitry 10-1; 3 Total Joy 20-1. 10 ran. 11-8 for Daring Hen. 7, 6. (0 Sherwood). Total £4.60; £1.30, £2.00, £2.20. DR: \$18.30. CSP: £31.58. Trio:

3.45: 1 Charged (Peter Hobbs) 5-2; 2 Coole Dedger 2-1 far, 3 Frama Drop 100-30, 6 ran, rk, 11. (P Hobbs). Tota: £3-20; £1.80, £2.00. DF: £4.40. CSF: £8.28. Th-2 Holy Wanderer 2-1; 3 Have A Highton 100-30, 3 ran. 1, 10, (M Pice). Total 51,80, CSP: £2,45, NR.

Placepot: £26.40. Quadpot: £27.70.

8: £25.78. Place 5; £13.66.

2.30 JARDINE INSURANCE BROKERS BURR STAKES (CLASS C) £7,500 added 240 5f Penalty Value £4,971 

200 CEDAR MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV II) £5,000 added 2YO 7f Penalty Value £3,980

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ALPRIE TWIST (USA) R E Sungaze) P Crapple-Ham 8 11

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TADEO has proved a tough performer for Mick Chennon and Mark Johnston this year and he will appreciate the drop in class, having thished third to Westcourt Magic and fourth to Resounder in Listed races at Ayr and York over this tito on his test two starts. His main river on form is Comic Familiary, who has finished infinier-up under big weights in nurseness at Chepatow and Sandown on her last two starts. Significantly, perhaps, she was ridden by John Reid in those races — and when she won at Bath, but Reid is on Tadeo now. However, Robert Hawkin's 5b claim means the gas 1,0th from the selection, an there should not be much between them. Starp Stocks, a prother to Astdina, needs to improve on last week's Following debut, second to Danied Piyer (Denesting Jack Hitth), but should win a race on that showing. Songaheet should pose a bigger threat following her length second to Music Gold at York on her debut. Selections TADEO.

00 BAGBY BOY (26) (Hughe Rsong Club) P Hedger 9 0. .R HEE 3 \_N Adams 1 5442 TREDAM (1003) (Lady Hernest Lady Hernes 9 0

O ZADOM (139) (Mas Jerny Wildmest) R FMillips 9 0

OF FORTUNES ROSE (1989) (23) (Mas A L Geometr) J Fing 8 9

428304 MIGHTY SQUINV (10) (Coversion) Record Ltd) Mass Gay Kel - 11 declared BETTIMG: 7-4 Takiff, 2-1 Cypress Avenan, 3-1 High Petrianch, 4-1 Tibetes, 20-1 Lost Rec Mighty Supres, 40-1 Deczier, 50-1 others, 1994: Well Aranged 3 9 0 A Clark 7-1 (R Aleinust) 10 ran FORM GUIDE

The principals here have all had plently of chances and TAKUEF is only a tentistive sugges-tion in a race where states are best kept to a minimum. Barry HBM colt, third to Whitechapel in the Autumn Cup at Newbury on his first run since Lune, looked to have an excellent op-portunity to open his account over this course and distance last month, only to find Har-bour Island a length too good. That form was boosted when third-placed Birnsey won at Noting that is a enging too good. Her, with was booked when that pleased sometimes will be Noting that on it invested and Teletit again ran well when narrowly beaten by Richellou at Hey-dock. High Patrianch is consistent but one-paced, last time finishing third to Precore Denner at Reduce over this trip. He has clearly, though, along with Cypress Avenue, who managed a good second to Stelevo (Queen's Yese winner next time) at York in May. He has had a break since finishing tailed off last of five to Grey Shot in a Newmarket Listed race. Tibetan is best of the remainder, but he is a difficult ride and has not been out since finishing three lengths second to Kristar's Paradise at Newbury in July.

3.	30	WILLOW MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV I) £5,000 added 2YO 7f Penalty Value £3,785
1	02	ALAMBAR (IRC) (C3) (Hamdan Al Mekaturn) P Walvyn 8 11W Carson 8
2		ALHANA (USA) (Hamdan Al Makspum) C Bersteed 8 11R HEIs 5
3	0	ANDRACCIC STORM (10) (Jenny Strass) E Dunito 8 11W Ryen 9
4	00	BALLPORIT (20) (A N Solomons) R Henron 8 11K Derley 2
5	43	EUROBOX BOY (11) (N Covertale) A Janes 8 11 Tata 7
8	53	LAGAN (32) (Seeed Manana) C Brozain 8 11B Doylo 1
7		MELLOW MASTER (Paul Green) N Wester 8 11
8	64	NANHAL (40) (The Fort Partnersho) D Muttar Strath 8 11 D Herzison 6
9	0	NAVAL HURCTER (USA) (40) (LA Hooper) P Heers 8 11 G Higg 10
10		ROTHER (RE) (96) (Shelith Motammed) P Chapple-Hyam 8 11
		- 10 declared -
RETTR	IR. 11.	& Alamber, 3.1 Maldrei, 9-2 Antarctic Storm, Furnhey Rev. 7.1 Lectur, 10.1 Donner

ALAMBAR, an IR82,000grs yearing, was well beaten on his Salisbury debut last month but did much better against the well-regarded Gold Disc at Lecester last time when two and a helf lengths second of 12. He can improve again and does not have much to beat here. It was only a seller in which Eurobox Boy was beaten a short heed and a neck into third of 27 behind Domettes at Newmarket last time, but that was still a good effort and has should be able to reach the frame here. Neidhal, fourth of nine to Lomborto at Sandown last month on his second start, does not took good enough, while Raymer was very green on his Sandown debut in Oplomov's race in July. He can improve on that but will need to do so considerably to bear alambher. Albamar is an interesting previously, but his services are the services. do so considerably to beet Alamber. Albama is an interesting newcomer, but, lection he is owned by Hamdan Al Maktoum and Willie Carson is on Alambar.

4.00 WILLOW MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV II) £5,000 added 270 7f Penalty Value £3,785 ....W Rose ! O STERLING FELLOW (39) U A Leeks R Harmon 8 11.

AFRICAN CHIMES, eight times a witner here at distances from five furiongs to 10, counts this race last year among his successes and can dely an absence since April to foliour up. BS (Forman's eight-year-old was well backed when beating Soaleng last year and the fact this is his fast run since sooning at Threst on 2.1 April could well prove significant, as any wins after that date would have incurred a penelty. Distanct Princess, twee successful at Yamnouth in August, was possibly unlucky there last morth when fifth to Confronter and has a good chance at the weights. Thoughs 6th, the'd of 20 to Northern Celedon at Warwick lest time, also has every chance provided he edgets to this surface. Vertrain Massacra did neely well here in the winter, winning four times, but he seems better over a longer trip nowadays. Another to watch out for is Miles, who has his first run on Equitarick since finishing third to Spencer's Revenge in February over this trip. Selections AFRICAN CHIMES. BETTENG: 7-4 Gien Parker, 3-1 Obserer's Dort, Ashjer, 9-2 Parais, 10-1 Pasternak, 14-1 M

PASTERNAK, a Soviat Star coli out of trish Oaks winner Poncess Patt and therefore half-brother to the lifes of Parthan Springs, needed his Yarmouth debut last week and showed plenty of promise in staying on rate fifth behind Pras Gaving. He is likely to improve again after this run but can still prove good enough. Ashger is the form pick judged on his second to Double Leef at Kempton on his debut. He ran quite well when fourth of 1A behind On Micheletto at Leicester test time but needs to learn to settle. Parasis, fourth to Charwellon at Goodwood on his debut, did not halff that promise when only ninth in Even Top's Neumaniet race next time but will at least find this easier. It is impossible to assess the most of Oberon's Derf's that in a San Sto race for newcomers less month, periodenty sit the time streams introducedly so the time acrosses streams to hos come oblive. The declaration as the time suggests the race was slowly run, but at least he has some ability. The denger, however, could well be Glen Parker, a Bluebird colt from the in-form Henry Cecil stable. Selection: PASTERNAK.

		1.30	ELM HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,400 added 1m 4f Penalty Value £3,388 (AW)
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FORM GUEL is interesting on this first handborn and after a break since April, Michael Stoute's well-bred gelding looked a fusure wener when making his reappearance at Pontefract (Im 20), making steady headway in the lest two furlongs after misering the break to be fourth of 16 to Al Safetr. Assetogue will be suited by every yard of this trip. Tadelial can prove the main denger. She won twice over 10 furlongs here in August and is only 25 higher than when beaching Die Georgy half a length on the second dozasion. Lukit, whose form has been inconsistent aince rejoining Geoff Lawis, was well back in eighth and has only a 510 pull. Wettaeframbles, formerly with Lewis, has dropped to a good all-weather merk, the same swhen winning here in December, and appeals off a light weight. Finlaggien is well hand-leapped compared to turf, but her win here was over two miles, so this trip could prove a bit sharp. Last Corner is probably better on Fioresand, but Morit is one to keep an eye on now that he is tried in bithiers. now that he is tried in bilinkers.

RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP: Welsh vigour dries up as icy professionalism steers Larder's men towards Wembley

### England reap rewards of being in control

DAVE HADFIELD

reports from Old Trafford England Wales

Poise and professionalism can be more powerful than passion. when they are refined into the high-octane fuel on which England ran at Old Trafford on Saturday. Wales were not hammered or humiliated in the first semi-final of the Halifax Centenary World Cup, but they were put firmly in their place by opponents who controlled the match virtu-

ally from start to finish. The spark was not quite there for the Welsh. Perhaps their emotional victory over Western Samoa six days previously had taken more out of them than they knew, but they never charged onto the ball with the fanatical vigour they had shown in Swansea.

England, on the other hand, played it just about perfectly. After a couple of out-of-character penalties conceded by Phil Clarke before he settled into his icy discipline, they gave

Wales nothing.

As they knew they must, they played a game based on the mo-bility of their back-row forwards, their ability to support each other and to switch the focus of attack. England were also well served by their front row, where Karl Harrison and Andy Platt might not have caught the untrained eye all that often, but worked doggedly and without

Lee Jackson was another major success, repeatedly making valuable ground from acting-half to keep the English momentum rolling.

The pack for the final on Saturday picks itself, although there is a slight worry over that giant with the glorious array of skills. Andrew Farrell, who was niggled by a groin injury and was

uncomfortable kicking even before he was replaced in the second half.

If there is any doubt about Farrell's fitness to kick, it makes it all the more essential that Bobbie Goulding is in the side Wembley.

The St Helens scrum-half was voted man of the match on Saturday. While that might slightly underestimate the contribution of others, there is no doubt that he was a key figure Old Trafford.

Quite apart from the two magnificent cross-kicks that presented the still tentative Martin Offiah with two gift tries, Goulding was a bundle of energy and enterprise. The way he put Clarke in for the try that rounded off proceedings was the mark of a scrum-half hungry for involvement and capable of setting up incisive movements right to the end.

Even if Shaun Edwards is fit for Wembley, the England coach, Phil Larder, will find it almost impossible to leave Goulding out.

Nor was there too much wrong with his link with a new stand-off in Castleford's Tony Smith. Although it was not made public until shortly before the match, the England camp had known from early in the week that Daryl Powell's calf injury would not allow him to play and that Smith would be in the

What they lost in experience and defensive rigour, they re-gained in pace and agility, with Smith buzzing effectively behind Goulding and his forwards. Larder, not surprisingly, was

more satisfied with his side's defence than anything else. Only once were they breached and that was after the awkward Rowland Phillips be-

was done.



Setting the pace: Jonathan Davies, the Welsh captain, struggles to catch England's Martin Offiah at Old Trafford

were only fleeting; two runs from Anthony Sullivan that ended with him taken into touch and a dart for the line from Kevin Ellis.

Apart from his now obligagan to trouble a side which had tory single fumble of a high kick, a slight suspicion that the job Kris Radlinski was immaculate vas done. at full-back and his emergence
The other Welsh chances as a player of great ability and

maturity has been one of the features of the tournament.

Wales have had their own rising star in lestyn Harris, who, at 19, was identified by his captain, Jonathan Davies, on Saturday as having "all the ability to become one of the really

league players is what Davies to describe the World Cup as himself has been. It is not even possible to feel too crotchety with him over his desired return to rugby union when he admits so cheerfully that one of his main reasons is that it is so much

reat players". Easier, but no more satisfyOne of the great rugby ing. Davies went out of his way

England: Redflood (Mgan);
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Joseph Carl, Farrell (Wiga Landston Sampson (Cantistro) for Ha. 14; Haughton (Wigan) for Parell, 62; Cas Wigan) for Platt, 68. 1 Harrin (Mourts. "the most emotional two weeks Sometimes, however, emo-

### Sad farewell from Davies

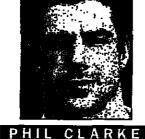
### 'With an English referee we would have won more heavily'

I have never been as jumpy before a match as I was at Old Trafford on Saturday. Standing next to Andy Platt - a player who has seen and done just about everything in the game - for the prematch presentations, I was surprised to find just how very, very nervous we both were. The Welsh anthem is very

strong emotional, lump-in-thethroat stuff and their fans were really getting behind them. We needed to talk to each other throughout the preliminaries to calm each other down - someneed to do during my career.

The temperature was pretty high once the game started, as well, and a lot of people have commented on that mateagainst-mate element, the way that team-mates and former team-mates were locking horns -like club colleagues in the Australian State of Origin series, for instance, or like Kelvin Skerrett and myself at Old Trafford.

The truth of the matter is that old alliances do not really have much of an impact once you are out there in the thick of it. The



you don't get a chance to prething I've not often found the pare anything special for an opponent that you might want to prove something to.

The way the game went was pretty much the way we had planned it in training, which is always a good sign. We knew we had to speed up the game, es-pecially around the play-the-ball, which is what we did.

Eddie Ward is a referee who keeps a big 10 metres, which suited us very nicely, but English referees are stricter on lying-on at the play-the-ball than

For that reason, I believe

would have beaten Wales more heavily. They still seemed tired to me after their game against Western Samoa and one or two players were carrying injuries. We knew we had not to get dragged into trench warfare with the Welsh, though. If we needed any reminder, it was there for us when we watched

them singing their anthem in

those red shirts and saw how big

In reality, the game was never going to be like that. When I started out at Wigan seven years ago, with a five-metre gap at the play-the-ball, it could be like that, but we are out of those trenches now - the game has

moved on. We have to be happy with the way it all went at Old Trafford and the fact that we will be at Wembley for the final on Saturday. I still feel, though, that we can play a lot better than we have England at Old Trafford on Sat-

done so far in the tournament. There is more cohesion to be found yet and when we go into camp again on Wednesday to prepare for Wembley, that is the missing ingredient we will be

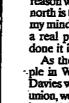
Not much sympathy has ever been held out here for sportsmen who cannot accept big disappointments on the field without behaving as though they have just received news of

a personal tragedy.

Bobby Charlton, who is nobody's idea of a hard case and wept buckets when England won the 1966 World Cup, once put this succinctly. "We are all made differently," he said, "but I hate it when I see players breaking down because they've lost. It makes me suspicious of their temperament and experience has taught me not to rely

on them." Never cry in defeat is a tenet held sacroscant personally but an exception can be made in the case of Jonathan Davies, who was seen wiping away tears after Wales failed to secure a place in the final of the Rugby League World Cup.

It was not the 25-10 loss to urday that caused the Welsh captain to make use of his sleeves as tissue while some extremely console him. It was the realisation that a great career in rugby league is probably over.



KEN JONES on Monday

bound up in negotiations with Warrington, who are unwilling to terminate a two-year contract that prevents a return to rugby union in his homeland. Now that Wales are out of the World Cup, I want to get things moving," he said. "I've got my family a third child, Geena, was christened in Cefneithin yesterday] to think about and it's best that we return to

Wales." Another reason at 33. is that rugby union would take a lot less large men gathered around to out of him. A familiar crooked smile crossed Davies' face when he said. "It's a damn sight easier. Apart from the money, a big Denis Betts finished off a

reason why Welsh players move north is to prove themselves. To my mind you can't call yourself a real player unless you have done it in rugby league."

of my sporting career".

tion is just not enough.

As there are plenty of peo-ple in Wales who believe that Davies would still be a force in union, we may not have seen the last of him internationally. Another option, one he hesitates to consider, is retirement. "It may come to that," he said, "but I've just got to wait and see." Of course, defeat at Old

Trafford was not the finale "We've got enough to give England more problems than they might be able to handle and they certainly won't be going out there with greater spirit." Confidence was high enough

on the morning of the game for the Welsh squad to think odds of 3-1 generous enough for a £1,000 wager and their management team to make contingency plans for next week's final at Wembley.

Instead they found them-selves dispersing, the great ad-venture more or less over when

sparkling intervention by An-drew Farrell and Tony Smith on the stroke of half-time. That this sent England in with an 11-4 lead was particularly damaging to Welsh morale because they had almost scored a short while earlier. "It was the most important of England's tries," said Wales' manager, Mike Nicholas. "We were always chasing the game after that but nobody can say we didn't make

As television confirmed that the second of two tries made for day, the future for Davies is Davies had in mind as he em- Martin Offiah by the man of the phasised on Friday night in a homatch, Bobbie Goulding, was tel close to Manchester airport. not legally completed, there was considerable merit in the rally Wales staged in the final 15 minutes. Rowland Phillips cut England's lead but it was too also said something about the immensely talented 19-yearold lestyn Harris, who has already drawn comparisons with the great Barry John. Not an-

a fight of it."

other John or a Jonathan Davies, but an original model. Glancing across at the youngster. Davies smiled wistfully. "The rugby world is at his feet,"

#### Variety of **Fernandez** settles the finale

Tennis

JOHN ROBERTS reports from Brighton

The final women's international indoor tournament to be held here for the foreseeable future ended yesterday with the American, Mary Joe Fernandez, receiving £50,000 and lifting the singles trophy, the last in a line of Virginia Ruzici, Martina Navratilova, Chris Evert, Sue Barker, Sylvia Hanika, Steffi Graf, Gabriela Sabatini and Jana Novotna.

The tournament has been sold overseas because of lack of sponsorship, which is not unre-lated to the difficulty in at-tracting leading players in recent years. Fernandez, who defeated the South African Amanda Coetzer, 6-4, 7-5, is the only win-ner to have entered with a wild card, and she admitted that she would not have come had she been fit to play in Zurich or Filderstadt in the weeks prior Brighton. The autumn schedule is difficult, Fernandez pointed out, "and the last event in Eu-

rope is tough to play. A semi-finalist in 1992, but eliminated in her opening match a year ago, Fernandez has suffered more from injuries and illnesses than the majority of players on the WTA Tour. She recently discovered that she has a type of asthma, and this event is her first since the US Open in September.

"During the Open," Fernan-dez said, "Steffi [Graf] came up to me and said she really understands now what I go through, the frustration of having to stop and start again without being able to practise." Brighton was also the scene of Graf's first venture on a court since the US Open, after resting her suspect back and facing tax officials, and the six-times champion was swept aside in her opening match.

Fernandez, seeded No 4 and projected to meet Graf in the semi-finals, made the most of the opportunity created by the Wimbledon champion's abrupt departure. Coetzer, the seventh seed, strode through a lower half of the draw lightened by the early elimination of Jana Novotna, who had won the title in the previous two years. Although Coetzer had lots of

happy returns on her 24th birthday, her serve proved less stable than her opponent's in a final which produced 14 breaks in 22 games. There were seven breaks in the opening set, Coetzer holding once, after Fernandez had created two points for 5-1. The American's doublefaults helped to prolong the set.

Coetzer broke in the opening game of the second set, but was unable to build on the suclittle, too late. "They were too good for us," Davies said. He to hold in the fifth game. Even when Coetzer had a chance to level the match after breaking for 5-4, she netted a backhand to lose a rally on the crucial point of the 10th game.

Although errors predominated, Fernandez at least offered a wider variety of stokes, frequently teasing her opponent with drop shots to break the

### pace of the game is such that that with an English referee we looking for.

Murphy's law not Chris Law was in control of the final of the Brut Gold Cup in Bermuda yesterday, as the stage was set for the showdown between the Briton, who stands No 12 in the world rankings, and the Australian Peter Gilmour, 10 places higher. but with no wind to drive the yachts, writes Stuart Alexander.

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the final with a 3-1 win over the man who steered New Zealand to victory in the America's Cup earlier this year. Russell Courts The first of the best of five had gone to Coutts by just seven seconds, but then Law came back to force Coults into errors which cost him dear. The Kiw incurred penalties in all three remaining races, the first which he did not exonerate, so he did Law had forced his way into not complete the race.

Law's showdown with Gilmour

Athletics

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WORLD SERIES: Atlanta Braves 3 Cleveland In-dians 2 (Braves lead best-of-seven series 1-0),

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Australia won the inaugural findoor World Cup in Birmingham when they best New Zealand 130-61 in the final yesterday after writing all of their seven matches in the four day competition. Eng-land won the third place play-off by best-ing South Africa 118-96.

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Go II, won the Viceroy Derby at the CSIMonterrey international show jumping
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Rallying
Cris Melos became the first diver since 1979 to win back-to-back national titles when he was declared the 1995 Mintex National Rally Chempion yesterday after winning the Bull Dog Security Products Midland National Rally in Aberystwyth. He his co-driver, Brian Gotf, finished 48 seconds ahead of tellow Ford Escort Cosworth pair Devid Gillanders and Howard Davies. The Pottaries twins, Prilip and Michael Squires, clinched the City Speed Welsh National Rally Championship with a top 10 finish.

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Simon Parke yesterday reached the fi-nal of the Rolex US Open for a meet-ing with the world champion Jansher Khan as Providence, Rhode Island - less than three weeks before England's attempt in Cairo to win the world teem title for the first time. The former world junior champion from Vorkshire overcame England's unseeded No 4 player, Mark Challoner, 15-9, 15-10, 15-7. In the other semi-final lansher, who begins has attempt to overtake Jahangr Khan's record of 6 world championship titles in Cypnus, best the world No 8 from England, Del Harris, 15-11, 15-12, 17-14. EUROPEAN (HAMPION OF CHAMPIONS Mossoc): Mesi's final: N Taylor (Eng) bt L Sut (Notil) 4-9-9-2 9-1 9-0. Wessen's Brask S Homer (Eng) bt S Schone (Ger) 9-2 10-8 4-9 9-5.

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RUGBY UNION: Frustration building for Rowell as search for the next generation of England talent proves inconclusive again

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### Stand off in the stand-offs' showdown

Dick Best kept using the ex-pression "God willing" and if the deity was telling us anything about would-be England out-side-halves in Bath's 19-13 victory over Harlequins it is that He is not best pleased.

First Rob Andrew, a saintly figure if ever there was one, became a sinner (in Wasps' eyes, at any rate) and retired from international rugby in order to buy Newcastle a team. Then David Pears and Mike Catt, pretenders to the golden crown, went head to head at The Stoop and ended up being assisted off after going leg to leg.
Both have badly bruised

shins not deemed serious enough to threaten their availability for selection to face South Africa on 18 November but more than likely to remove them from the next stage -Gloucester v Harlequins, Bath v Saracens - of their clubs' exhausting start to the season. Bath lead the First Division with seven wins from seven; Quins stay third.

That apart, it is enough to make Jack Rowell weep, as he apparently has felt like doing of late while criticism of his England stewardship has been growing more vituoerative. Last fuesday's session at Marlow was shambolic enough because of the injuries that seem to beset squad members more than others. Now this.

Still, the game was at least almost up when the two had their collision, neither having established his credentials any more convincingly than before. Whom to choose depends on whom you ask. "Catty is the man in form at the moment and until he went off I thought Catty had slightly the better game of the two," John Hally sorry Hall - the Bath manager,

On the other hand Best, Quins' director of rugby, would pick Pears. "They are very similar players and both are capable of playing either position, full-back or fly-half, for England," was his version, "God willing, both will be fit to play against South Africa. In international rugby you don't want to change the team around too much and I think Catty will



STEVE BALE

#### COMMENTARY play full-back and, God Willing,

Pearsy will play fly-half."
Strange, that. I could have sworn Besty, a former England coach who insists he is not bitter over his sacking by Row-ell, was castigating the England manager only the other day for not changing enough. Just as

well, then, that Rowell was ab-

sent and represented instead by two other selectors, Les Cusworth and Mike Slemen. When they talked to Hall, they would have found him persuasively arguing not only Catt's case but also that of Andy Robinson (that's right, Robbo) and any other Bath player you care to mention; Jonathan Callard (JC), Andley Lumsden (?) etc etc. "I'm only

doing my job," Hall said in self-justification. In that case, would

he like to be England manag-

er? "Not yet." As for an entertaining match, t was the third time this season Bath had eked out a vital victory away to their closest rivals, Leicester and Wasps having already fallen, but yet another instance of execution falling below good intention. This was primarily down to the profusion of handling errors and reflect-ed familiarly on the skill levels of the supposedly best of Eng-

Bath's try, by Lumsden, and Harlequins', by Daren O'Leary, were scintillating exceptions which cried out for more. Bath were the more culpable because they won considerably more possession, and Ouins could take some consolation from this further evidence of their improvement over last season's relegation near-miss. You might say anything

would be better than that and





Silver service: Bath's forwards, with Andy Robinson prominent, present the ball on a plate to lan Sanders

been none of the instant selfcriticism with which Bath reacted if Quins, rather than Bath, had been six- or even onepoint winners. Even the notoriously sulphuric Best could not forbear to commend a parrow defeat against "an obviously better team". "It's a gradual, long-term thing to drag yourself out of the gutter," he added pleasantly

Quins had been undermined by the midday withdrawal of two back-row forwards, Chris once Pears had departed were Morrison, the World Cup final so badly disrupted that Brian referee no less, running the line. Moore, better known as England's hooker, had to replace the outside-half and then play open-side flanker in the consequent reshuffle. How fortunate there were only nine more stoppage-extended minutes to run.

Best also felt, in the tendentious way coaches have, that his boys had the worse of the decisions - the worst of which was the one made by the Rugby Football Union to have Chris

referee no less, running the line. This is no disrespect to White nor necessarily great respect to Morrison, who had endeared himself to neither Wasps nor

Bath a fortnight earlier, but even a noted RFU committee

man present was moved to splutter that he could not understand what on earth the referees' committee was playing at. It seems the RFU can get nothing right. Take the moratorium on professionalism; Hall place to help his players withstand the inducements of rivals, though Best has the contrasting satisfaction that his two Northeasterners, Mick Watson and Simon Mitchell, have turned down Rob Andrew and others are simply not interested in go-

ing professional.
"We always look at life after rugby and some sort of career pattern for players," he said. "A majority go through the City, where they get very good jobs and tend generally to do quite

#### make it look easy ROBERT COLE 10 25

Fiji's new

recruits

Fiji's new policy of introducing overseas players into their ranks looks as though it is going to pay handsome dividends. The New Zealand influence on their

game was clearly evident as they

put Wales A to the sword. There were seven players with provincial experience from New Zealand in the side at the Brewery Field, Bridgend and they carried better skills and determination than their Welsh counterparts.

When the itinerary for the seven-match tour of Wales was settled, the Fijians asked for their first match to be changed. They thought that playing Wales's second string was going to prove too tough a start. When the Welsh selectors chose 13 full caps in their side those fears looked like turning into a reality. Not so, though, on the day.

Wales were as inept as the Fijians were exciting. The result will have left the Wales A coach, Kevin Bowring, with a huge headache as he contemplates how to tackle his caretaker assignment as the national coach for the Test on 11 November.

The Welsh selectors will announce their international lineup tomorrow and on this showing only the Llanelli duo of Wayne Proctor and Justin

Photograph: Robert Hallam

the day-job for £25,000-a-year

professional rugby is probably

not of prime importance to

them." Meaning, not as well

Hariequins: Try O'Leary: Conversion Pears; Penalty Pears; Drop goal Pears, Bath: Try Luresden: Conversion Callard; Penalties

tenders, even with their new ar-

relegated with 16 points; New-

castle have two points with 11 matches to play. The first of the new signings will be available for

only the last six games and

these include fixtures against the

teams currently placed first, second and third.

So 31 October is an impor-

tant date for the club as they will

discover if the league is to be re-

structured and whether the

120-day moratorium that new

players have to sit out is to be

lifted. If both decisions go

against them, then it may not be

Rob Andrew who keeps New-castle in the second division, but

Sir John Hall when he is forced

to fulfil his threat and take the

Rugby Football Union to court.

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rivals. Last season, Fylde were

Thomas deserve consideration. Proctor scored the A team's only try, although the French referee Patrick Thomas turned it into a penalty try because of the head-high tackle performed on him by Philippe Rayasi, and came as a direct result of Justin Thomas's flair and vision.

There was little else to admire in the Welsh performance and it obviously failed to make an impression on the Fijian's technical adviser, Brad Johnstone. "We were very disappointed

in the way Wales A performed. We thought they would produce a lot more than that," Johnstone

The one area of genuine concern for the tourists came in the goal-kicking department.
The outside-half Rasolosolo Bogisa succeeded with only one conversion and penalty from eight attempts. As it was they had to rely on tries to earn them a significant victory.

Their first, from the Canter-

bury wing, Paula Bale, gave them a 8-3 interval lead and their second, by the Counties flanker, Waisiki Masirewa, restored their lead midway through the second-half.

A final flourish of two tries in as many minutes from the wings, Mansara Bari and Bale, made it a thoroughly satisfactory start for the tourists. WALES A: Try Proctor, Conversion Davis Penalty Davies.

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pres: P Thomas (France).

#### TODAY'S FIXTURES

Football

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Stavenings v Welling (7.45)
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second replays: Bisson Town v Sustan
Codfield Town; Dutwith Hamlet v Carshalton

REAZER HOMES LEAGUE Premier Division

UNBOND LEAGUE Challenge Cup second round: Bishop Auckland v Spennymoor United; Guiseley v Blyth Spartans; Hyde Utd v Ashton Ureted.

PONTINS LEAGUE First Division: Birming PONTINS LEAGUE First Division: Birming-learn City Motts; County (7.0); Evention V Leave pool (7.0); Newcastie United v Blackhum Rovers (7.0); Wolkemampton Wanderes v Bolton Wanderes (7.0); Second Divisions Hull City v Bradford City (7.0); Preston North End v Aspon Villa (7.0). Third Divisions Lincoln City v Stackport County (7.0). AYON INSURANCE COMBINATION First Divisions Tottenham Hotspur v Wimbledon (at Sr Alboris City).

Other sport SNOOKER: Skoda Grand Prix (Sunderland)

> TODAY'S **NUMBER**

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The number of years since a Belgian tennis player last won an ATP tournament, a run that was ended by the victory of Filip Dewulf, ranked 119 in the world, over the top seed, Thomas Muster, in the CA Trophy in Vienna yesterday.

#### Dallaglio's big impact Andrew's growing pains Tough road for DAVID LLEWELLYN **Foster**

PAUL STEPHENS

West Hartlepool

When Barry Forster took over as West Hartlepool's director of rugby in the summer he said he was hopeful that his new club would improve on last season's results and look for a place in mid-table.

Orrell almost certainly removed the hope from that progress and West, after seven successive defeats, are now looking at a painfully swift return to the second division. Indeed, after Newcastle's latest setback there is a real possibility that both the north east's leading clubs will be relegated.

If the bookmakers are offering only short odds on that interesting double, the next question to be answered is: who will accompany West? Not Orrell, according to their Yorkshire-born captain Paul Johnson. "With five first-choice players injured we anticipated a real struggle up front," he said.

"But there's so much grit and pride at this club, that even the outsiders like me get affected by it. And in tight games at the botlom of the table, we can dog it

out with anybody."
It is this mental hardness that West lack. The backs allowed themselves to be closed down too quickly in midfield, the ball was too frequently given up in contact and West's tackling, like Tim Stimpson's goalkicking, was woeful.

Not that Orrell are any great shakes, but at least they make the best of what they have. All 15 tackled as if their lives depended on it and only one try was conceded; a tapped-penalty move allowing Dave Mitchell in. In return Orrell scored two. The first claimed by Steve Bibby after a concerted rolling maul. The second, by scrum-half Austin Healey, was a gem; fully deserved and brilliantly executed. Unless, or until, West can

summon a massive improvement, the executioner awaits.

If you cannot beat them - and Wasps certainly did not manage that - then join them. Leicester's Tigers arrived at Sudbury armed with their new contracts worth £1,000 per month, and afterwards Wasps' new captain, Lawrence Dallagho, announced that his club is putting togeth-er a deal that will help safeguard their players from the preda-tions of the likes of Newcastle.

Four have gone north and Wasps want to stem the trickle before it becomes a flood. Dallaglio, in positive mood after the defeat by the champions, said: "I think when First Division clubs such as Bath and Leicester get some money together then we will have some problems. There will be a lot of player movement."

To this end Dallaglio announced: "We are in the process of setting something up ourselves, as we and every oth-

hard to keep hold of our players. We have enough young talent to make sure we stay at the

top."
Wasps' president, Bill Treadvell, confirmed this, adding: "Contracts are being produced, when we actually implement them is another matter, but it is interesting to see how Leicester got around the moratorium by saying theirs are for promotional work. We've been working on ours for some time. It's all in hand."

The new responsibilities did not affect Dallaglio, who had a storming game in his favoured position of No 8. He was watched by the England manager Jack Rowell from the stand and more discreetly by Rob Andrew and his former captain Dean Ryan from a

sponsor's balcony. All three cannot fail to have been impressed by the 23-yearold Dallaglio's devastating tackles, pounding runs, superlative ball-handling skills, as well as his obvious leadership qualities.

Sadly, apart from some fine work at the line-outs by Matt er club has to. We are working Greenwood, there was bittle

else on offer from Wasps. Chris Braithwaite filled in adequately at stand-off for Andrew and put in some stunning touch kicks, but his thunder was stolen by Leicester's John Liley, who was forced to take over at outside-half when Jez Harris suffered a shoulder injury.

The full-back put in some telling breaks and kicks but more importantly got his line going on numerous occasions. He matched what Andre achieved against Sor h . ......ca in 1994 with a full house of scores. It is doubtful whether Rowell pencilled Liley's name alongside those of Mike Catt and David Pears, but Dallaglio's

name may well have been added to an already impressive list of back-row contenders for the match against South Africa.
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OWEN SLOT tributed to their poor performances. Newcastle -Northampton

second division, and if Rob Andrew had been at Kingston Park, he would understand why. Quite why he was not there, though, is less easy to fathom. Having been unable to attend any Newcastle league games because of his commitment to Wasos, it seemed an extraordinary decision to absent himself now that commitment is finished.

Until now, Andrew has missed Newcastle's Thursday training sessions because he has been training with Wasps, so for the present Newcastle players, his contribution has been Monday night tutelage, and much publicised efforts to replace them. It is not surprising, then, that he has unsettled them and, while the party line is that competition for places and future glory are good things, there are those who feel that the players' uncertainty

Andrew, according to Harry Patrick, the present coach, "has sensed this atmosphere of what the hell's going on here'," and

so he sat them down on Mon-Newcastle are now bottom of the day night and explained that there is a place in the future of the club for everyone, it was just up to them to prove it. "How do you think I felt," said Patrick, who has been at the club as a player and coach for 30 years, "when I opened the paper on Friday and found there was a new coach [Steve Bates] coming? I've just got to prove this club can't do without me."

For the present, the club could do with as much of Andrew and everyone else as they can get. Northampton, who are unfit - or too fit - to play second-division rugby, won by eight tries to nil in a performance which coach Ian McGeechan said was their worst of the season.

It is possible that a rearrangement of the league

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Allen, G Townsend, H Thorneycroft: P Grayson, M Dawson; M Voltand, T Beddow, M Hynes, J Philips, M Bayfield, T Rocher (G Seely 13-15). B Pountney, D Merlin. ree: N Cousins (Duhwich). Third Division

Newcastle are prime con-

over their future has con-RUGBY UNION RESULTS AND TABLES National League Four National League One

#### Reid's regal form underlines claims

Boroughmuir

Schools rugby to the Five Nations' Championship is a big jump even if you are a royal whose mother happens to be patron of the Scottish Rugby Union. Some of Scotland's most vivid imaginations have, nevertheless, been on overdrive map-

ping out a successful rugby career for noted Gordonstoun back-rower Peter Phillips since his inclusion in a public schools representative squad this week. There is a vacancy higher up, after all, caused by fain Morrison's international retirement and Master Phillips has been playing for so long that back in first form he captained a Gordonstoun team and was asked - allegedly and memorably - by the referee to call "tails or granny?"

Bill Hogg, SRU Secretary, has even been drawn into the debate. Hogg acknowledged that while Master Phillips has a different kind of blue blood with no traditional qualification that need not be a stumbling block on grounds that there is always an exception to every rule. Such flexibility in an organ-

isation which knows where it is bread is buttered can only be admired. The case for Peter Phillips finally falls down though when it is noted that Stu Reid is playing exceptionally well for Boroughmuir in roughly the same role.

Reid again underlined claims to a debut cap in a victory that enabled Boroughmuir to leapfrog Melrose at the top of the table. The distinguished ex-internationalist Andy Irvine has labelled Reid "another David Leslie" in deference to the 1984 European player of the year and predicts no difficulties in switching from No 8 to the flank if chosen to face Western Samoa next month. Reid has learned the hard

way not to hold out too much hope having come so close in the past. But there is surely extra incentive to maintain current form with Boroughmuir now one point clear with five games remaining.

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North First Division: Huddersfield 13 Mac-Clesfield 32; Manchester 23 Wagon 10; Stockton 8 Hull Ionians 22; Wast Park Bramhope 9 Middlesbrough 19; Widnes 0 Bridlingon 16; York 12 Tynedale 28.Sec-ond Division: Doncaster 27 Old Crossleyens 10; Durham City 34 Almarks 25; New Brighton 25 West Pr. (St. Helens) 8; North-em 16 Hardepool Reserves 17; Sedgley Park 55 Halling (1); North 11; Sedgley Park 55 Halling (1); North 11; Sedgley Park 55 Halling (1); North 11; Sedgley Park 26 Halifax 10; Vale Of Lune 6 Blaydon 5. South-West First Division: Broham 33 Taunton 18; Conderford 23 Bridgester and Albion 30; Gloucester 0 B 21 Salisbury 10; Abbon 30; Gloucester 0 B 21 Salesoury Jur; Metson 23 St Nes 6; Sherborne 13 Barnsable 13; Torquay Arhietic 21 Nesbury 34. Second Division: Aylestury 9 Lanceston 15; Bournamouth 79 Banbury 8; Dorchester 11 Coombe Down 19; Gordon League 41 Oxford 12; Old Patesians 11 Stroud 25; Swenage and Wareham 10 Clevedon 3.

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FOOTBALL: Cantona and company provide compelling entertainment as the colourful Frenchman returns to the capital

### Pride and joy too late for Europe

Because of a low roof, the view from the back of the Stamford Bridge press box is like watching a wide-screen format movie - replace the whiff of burgers with popeorn and you could be at an open-air Odeon.

Given Saturday's occasion. Eric Cantona's return to London, it seemed a suitable perspective. Cantona was facing his first real test of composure since his Bruce Lee impression at the Palais and there was a crackling sense of anticipation in the air. Would the drama be repeated?

In the event, Manchester's occasionally wild bunch did treat us to a massacre, but the only resemblance to the recently revived Sam Peckinpah flick of that name was the constant sighting of blood-red shirts. Alex Ferguson's direction is more Ridley Scott than Peckinpah, all sharp movement and angles, with the pace fast-forward rather than slo-mo.

It was all too much for Chelsea. They conceded two goals in the first nine minutes and eventually shipped four. They did manage one of their own, but even that was scored by a United legend, Mark Hughes.

Hughes had an excellent game. He looked a threat whenever Chelsea managed to service him near goal (which was not very often) and was frequently involved in midfield. But for all his strength, courage and ability to bring others into play. Hughes would struggle to get in this United team - as he recognised in leaving it in the

This side is built on pace and touch, mobility and vision. Andy Cole led the line with an awareness few suspected he had when classed as a pure goalscorer at Newcastle. Behind him Paul Scholes, Ryan Giggs and Eric Cantona interchanged at will, pulling great holes in Chelsea's defensive cover. Further back sat the ballast, Nicky Butt and Roy Keane. With David Beck-



#### GLENN MOORE COMMENTARY

bench, United were at full strength for the first time this

If it was a frightening sight for Chelsea, it was a heartening one for the British game after a grim week in Europe. Of all the European results this season, United's exit to Rotor Volgograd, in the previous round, was the most depressing. While Liver-pool and Nottingham Forest play variations of the Continental game, Ferguson is attempting to create a marriage between the British pace and power and European passing and patience.

United, by all accounts, were all over Volgograd but gave away two siliy goals. A shame, they may have given us reason to be provided to be proud, especially as Sat-urday's starting XI passes Uefa's five-foreigners' regulation.

The match demonstrated both the virtues and vices of the Premiership. It was compelling entertainment, tackles flew, chances came and went like Graeme Souness signings, and a clutch of breathtaking goals were scored. The action was matched by the spectators' passion. This is why foreign players come to play in the English league and overseas television companies queue up to broad-

But there were also balls bouncing off chests, getting caught under feet and running away from alleged traps all over the Bridge. It was not just the clodhoppers in defence,

poor for a £7m striker while good players like Gavin Peacock and Dennis Wise were among those also embarrassed. Two players stood out. No

prizes for guessing their iden-tity - Cantona and Roud Guilit. When Gullit is involved Chelsea's play goes from mono-chrome to colour. Only Hugh-es and, sometimes, Wise, are on his wavelength and it was another of those days when he must have wondered what he was doing here. The support play was so lazy it seemed his presence gives others an excuse evading responsibility.

He played everywhere, always with positive intent. His best spell was in midfield where he underlined that he is no diletiante, seeing out the autumn of his career for a final pay-day. His sublime passing is always evident, he now revealed an impressiv work-rate. Combined with hu anticipation and ability to rish a tackle (at one stage he held off Butt and Cole), it briefly swung the game.

By then (early second half) Cantona was tiring. He was peripheral throughout but whenever he was involved United had a sharper edge. He featured in three of their four goals and provided the pass when Scholes hit the bar a minute af-

Scholes was widely seen as the player to make way for Cantona. He has responded by scoring so heavily he cannot be omitted. On Saturday his fin-ishing was in the Robbie Fowler class. After three minutes Cantona distracted Chelsea as Gary Neville's deep cross came in and Scholes volleyed in from 15 yards. Six minutes later he thumped home after a sweeping move had sent him clear.

That whole move was a peach. United patiently strung passes together, drawing Chelsea on to them, before Nicky Butt passed waist-high to Cantona. He killed the ball dead with stunning technique, spotted Scholes being played



ouside by Frank Sinclair, and slipped the perfect pass. It was a team goal, even Cole, not involved, had played his part. His presence, his pace, had induced Sinclair to give himself a yard and thus sit deep and betray the offside trap.

United eased up and Gullit dragged Chelsea back into the game. Their 75th-minute goal was a long time coming, partly because the final ball had too often been casual. This time Sin-

clair played a careful pass in to Clair with a swiftness and ac-John Spencer, his chip was headed down by Paul Furlong for Hughes to volley in.

Chelsea were roused but, four minutes later, Giggs doused Sparky's spark. Having run at Steve Clarke from the half-way line he skipped past him in the box to score. Then Denis Irwin found Keane on the left and the ball was switched across the Chelsea backs, from him to Cantona, Cole and Mccuracy rugby league's finest handlers would be proud of. Cantona almost brought up

a half-century of United goals, in his 100th appearance, but he let Neville's fine pass run away from him in the final minute. I would have been terribly unfair on Cheisea, who also lost Sinclair, dismissed for an ugly lunge on McClair a minute

It was also consoling to see

Hignett positive about his position

JON CULLEY

Middlesbrough Queen's Park Rangers

Given that one of them willshortly learn that it is he who is to be sacrificed at the gifted feet of Juninho, this was not a good time for any Middlesbrough player to under-perform. Just as well, then, that they all did so together. Or, rather, most of them.

Delete from the list Steve Vickers, superb at the heart of a cur-rently impenetrable defence, and Neil Cox, who looks to have a good idea of how a wing-back needs to function. Otherwise. from the rest, it was a not-quite there sort of day.

So who will be the unlucky one? Naturally, no one within the club is giving a clue, but the sages without point to Craig Hignett, which seems a bit uniair, really, in the light of the way Hignett has complemented Nick Barmby's successful introduction to the side. There is his goals tally, too, which Saturday's penalty raised to five for the season.

Hignett is aware of the talk but prefers to regard the new boy's coming in positive terms. Indeed, so keen is he to see Juninho flourish, regardless of the consequences for his own future, that he made an appeal for his protection on the field, fearing that bemused opponents will find frustration getting the bet-

"He's built like a whippet and he will be just too quick for some defenders," Hignest said. "I just hope that referees will appreciate him and protect him.

"As for my own position, I know what people are saying and obviously there is a question mark over me. But I don't see myself as the odd man out and I'll do as much as I can to make it impossible for the manager to leave me out."

If his work permit comes through, Juninho may cause the axe to fall at Old Trafford next Saturday, which would leave Wednesday's Coca-Cola Cup tie at Crystal Palace as the last opportunity for an anxious man to

cement his place. Saturday's result maintained Middlesbrough's extraordinary start. It is their fifth straight win and fifth consecutive game, in all competitions, in which they have tistics apart, there was not much to enthuse about. Unforced errors abounded and Rangers, for whom Trevor Sinclair was again hugely impressive, ought

to have taken a point. Behind from the 14th minute, the Londoners survived a second penalty early in the second half (which Hignett, somewhat unprofessionally, allowed Jan Age Fjortoft to take - and miss) and thereafter took charge. An equaliser seemed certain in the 66th minute when Sinclair's chip came back off the bar to Daniele Dichio but the vontig striker, faced with an open goal, headed over the top, after which there was no cheering Ray Wilkins, the manager, with kind words. "People keep saying we are playing well," he said, "but we are losing points." Book Highett pen (14) 1-0.

Goat: Highest pen (J.4) 1-0. Milett, Cox, Pear-son, Vickers, Whyte (Whelan, S3). Morris; Pol-lock, Mustoe; Highest (Hendrie, S1), Barmby; Fjortoft. Substitute and used: Moore, Queen's Park Rangers (5-3-2; Sommer; Bod-stey, Yotis, Racky, Mandot, Brevett (Sallen, 77); Barke; Hollowy, Impey; Sindar, Dichio, Sub-stitutes and used: Waldra, Challs,

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### Rioch's wind of change proves only a gentle breeze

In his temporary incarnation as ing Bruce Rioch and letting him a radio pundit, George Graham has so far visited Highbury less often than a rabid Tottenham fan. Which is a shame, for it would be fascinating to hear his opinion of the "new" Arsenal, who bear more than a passing resemblance to the version Graham built and lost.

The wind of change which

Like Tory governments, Wim-

bledon appear to have been

around at the top forever, but

on recent evidence both may be

heading for a fall. A fifth suc-

cessive League defeat for the

Dons was had enough, but a

Newcastle United

Wimbledon

tory over Villa, no more than a warm breeze. If Arsenal hoped to reinvent themselves as a spend £12m on Dennis Bergkamp and David Platt, they

have not succeeded. Lest that outrages the true believers, it should be added that at their peak of five years ago, Graham's Gunners no more fitted the "boring" stereotype than Rioch's team are the cavaliers some are keen to prosupposedly blew through the claim them. On Saturday, the ders Limpar's mercurial man-

dismissal of their last fit goal-keeper is enough to send any-

"I don't know what else can

happen to us," moaned man-

ager Joe Kinnear, who now

has 15 players unavailable.

"Even without losing our keep-

er we were up against it, but the

reason we didn't have another

goalie on the subs' bench was

that the other two are injured."

So it was that captain calami-

one crazy.

was, on the evidence of their vic- than the differences; unsurprising given that only one of the home 14, Bergkamp, was signed by the new manager

four were identical to when the championship was won in '91, though the full-backs drove forward less. Rioch's midfield featured the kind of pairing for which his predecessor was vilified, Ray Parlour and Martin Keown, and even David Platt's return would not provide the er's role. Were he to drop deepcreativity Arsenal still lack.

go down with his ship, donning the green jersey to general

amusement. Gazza might once

have found his ball-handling

pretty nifty, but that was seven

years ago, and this is a differ-

clash: London's homeless raga-

muffins against the Premier

League's snappiest outfit. Yet

for the first half-hour Wimbledon did as Wimbledon do,

This was the ultimate couture

ent Newcastle United.

in an otherwise fitful display. Up front, Ian Wright's partnership with Bergkamp looked equal to the one he enjoyed with Alan

Ehiogu's marking, as rigorous as in last year's Uefa Cup tie with Internazionale, revived doubts as to whether the Dutchman's languid style is can take credit, while a crowd suited to an out-and-out striker, however, he might duplicate Glenn Helder donned An- Platt, who is shortly to test his recovery in the reserves, and

midfield and aiming balls high

towards either post, where

Newcastle can sometimes ap-

pear vulnerable. Within 34 min-

utes both full-backs had limped

off, however, and Steve

Howey's looping header shat-

Four minutes later Ginola ex-

pertly set up Ferdinand's near-

post finish. Having thus found

blocking off the avenues in club's post-war record, the £6m no chance with Lee Clark's ris-

tered the illusion.

more room there.

Bergkamp's input was not tion beyond avoiding defeat. that of a £7.5m player. Ugo Equally, for most of the first Equally, for most of the first half. Arsenal had no idea how to find a way through. Yet their confidence did not dip, an improvement for which Rìoch who may have become restless. last winter roared encouragement.

Their reward, when it came, confirmed that the Goalkeep-

knock in another before the

break. "Les spent all last week

answering questions about why he wasn't playing for England," Kevin Keegan mused. "The

last two Saturdays he's shown

Goalkeeper Paul Heald -

booked for time-wasting in the

first-half-departed after need-

why he should be."

tle, playing a part in both goals Brian Little's tactics would ers' Union must have voted to scarcely have allowed him any help Paul Merson's rehabilitation. The previous weekend. Villa, who invariably had six Leeds' John Lukic allowed the men across midfield and nine author of Rock Bottom to show time Mark Bosnich's elementary error gifted Merson his second of the season.

Plan A scuppered, Villa resorted to a ragged alternative, though there was also an element of fortune about the goal that fin-ished them off. Wright's miskick, following Bergkamp's misdi-rected effort, trickled in off the head of the prostrate Ehiogu in

gave Ferdinand his first New-

castle hat-trick. Marcus Gayle's

header brought brief respite, but

substitute Philippe Albert steered in an exquisite sixth. Last

season a disallowed goal in in-

jury-time denied Wimbledon a

draw on Tyneside. "The only dif-

ference between then and now

is the £20m Kevin's had to

spend," Kinnear noted, "Tve had about 20 grand." It hardly

seemed the time for chairman

Arsenat (4-4-2): Seamen; Dbon, Adems, Bould, Writerburr, Messon, Parlout, Veown, Heider; Bengamp, / Wright, Seabstitutes not used: Hartson, Jensen, Bartson (6).
Asiana Villa (5-4-1): Bosnich; Cherles, Ehlogu, McGrath (Femon, 83), Southgate, A Whigh; Teylor, Deaper (Misseut, 62), Townsend, Staumon (Johnson, 62); Yorke.

are prone to error in the Pre-

miership's hurly-burly. The dif-

ference is, we are surprised

Goets: Scholes (3) 0-1; Scholes (9) 0-2; Hughes (75) 1-2; Giggs (79) 1-3; Keane (85)

when it happens to them.

clar; Clarks, Wise (Burley, h-t), Newton, cock (Spencer, 63), Myers; Furlang, Hug Substitute mot used: Hitchcock (gk).

also been called "Lucky Arsenal".

"patient". No team of his would

go "throwing themselves for-

such an approach as "Charge of the Light Brigade stuff", it

could have been George Gra-

Souts: Messon (47) 1-0; Wright (78) 2-0.

ham talking.

Rioch preferred the word

Depleted Wimbledon given dressing down in the ultimate couture clash £1,000 wager with Newcastle counterpart Sir John Hall over which club will finish higher this season. Sometimes blind faith just isn't enough.

Goale: Howey (22) 1-0; Ferdinard (36) 2-0; Ferdinard (42) 3-0; Clark (60) 4-0; Goyle (61) 4-1; Ferdinard (63) 5-1; Allant (55) 6-1. Newcoatti United (4-4-2); History Barton, Pencock, Homey Whart, 50), Streatust, Gillespie, Lee -Sciens, 80), Clark (Hottler, 80), Gnota; Beardsley, Ferdinard. Seascopy, resources, Metabledon (4-4-2): Healt; Peny (Goodman, 34; Leochardeen, 45), Fitzgereld, Resves, McAlester (Talloys, 12); Cursingham, Jones, Earle, Gayle; Holdsworth, Narford.

#### crippling injury list and the tous Vinny Jones who chose to Why Keegan puts his trust in the Green grass of home

it all looks so easy, doesn't it, this business of winning the Premiership: you just

Green worked for six managers in 14 years from Bill McGarry to Ossie Ardiles, before Keegan buy the best centre-forward in the country, fix him up with a couple of tasty wingers, then sit back and But there is much more plan-

ning than that behind Newcastle's off-like-a-train start. Kevin Keegan may come across as an some, ever-so-sporting kind of chap... but the facade masks meticulous attention to detail. right down to the length of the grass on the £400,000 St James' Park pitch. Head groundsman George

Turn back the clock

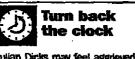
Julian Dicks may feel aggreved

(plus 54 cautions) after keeping following October when Dicks' felhis head down on Saturday, low Hammer, Billy Bonds, was might count himself lucky not to banned for five weeks.

it seemed a pitch was a pitch was a pitch - but not Wor Kevin.

est than any of the others did and discusses what he wants," slick on top".

Ginola's feet and Ferdinand's head are key weapons in the Tyneside armoury - but so, too, is George Green's mower.



Rathbone, of Grimsby, and Scunthorpe's Don Welbourne were each at his punishment over the John benned for eight weeks after be-Spencer incident—but October ing sent off for fighting, Later the has often been a bad month in same month, the Football Assowhich to fall foul of the authon- diation suspended Derek Dougan of Wolves for the same period. It The West Ham full back, still marked the start of a clamp-down on a mere nine career dismissals on violence that re-emerged the

in 14 years from Bill McGarry to came along. To most of them,

"He takes much more intermaximum efficiency, that means "nice and short and a little bit

So there you have it. For sure,

have been offending officialdom a quarter of a century ago. In October 1969, Graham

.. for entering the FA Carling Premiership with a spanking new, built-in-eight-months 30,000seat stadium set among vast be bouquets all the way...

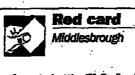


the target for the seventh successive match, equalling the lessly upending Ferdinand ear-

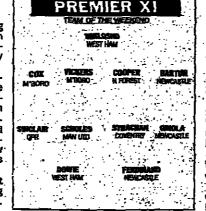
'Yellow fever' grips Boro

No Juninho yet at Middlesbrough's imposing Riverside Stadium – but the lively trade in Brazilian shirts, scarves and green and yellow face paint witnessed on Saturday bore testimony to the way Junimho fever has Teesside in its grip. The club's sales staff are facing an explosion of business, the limits of which they cannot predict. "We Green says. Essentially, so his close-passing game can work to maximum efficiency, that means maximum efficiency, that means "Last week, Umbro recalled hundreds of reolica Brazil shirts and sent them here - their entire United King-dom stock. We sold the lot," he added. "We've now

taken delivery of more than a thousand nostalgia shirts from the 1970s." Shock waves are being felt even in Italy, where kit manufacturers Errea have their Parma factory working non-stop to mest the demand for Jurinho's No 25 shirt.



acres of disused dockland - and a pattry 400 permits-only parking spaces. Sorry, but it cannot



should be high up in the league, but there are

Graham Taylor, the beleaguered manager of Wolves, after Setunday's improved performance at Watford brought only a point

certain things out of a manager's control.

Cheered by howling Wolves Given that nothing cheers a West Bronwich

man bravely went full length to ing left-footer nor the flick which

fan more than to mock a Wokes team in trouble, it is a good time to be a Registe in the Black Country. Andy Hunt's last gasplanticular and portsmouth kept Albion in second spatial that sleigh League First Division – 14 places above Soasteigh League First Division — 14 phoces about farham laylor's struggling troops.

Saturday's match marked the completion of a remarkeble 12 months in charge for manager than Buckley, who took over a team that was notice at less.
October even than Wolves are now—second from
bottom with just two, wins in 13 gathes.

Since then Buckley, who steered Garnes of transparent on
two years in a row, has turned a team of transparent
wo years in a row, has turned a team of transparent
candidates into one with genuine play of prospects.

What is more, while Graham laylor has been reducing Sir Jack Hayward's fortune in inclinion of the

Buckley has spent £375,000 - in total: \ We are not in the position we should be in. We



but held on for a first point in:12 games, ending the last remain ing 100 per cent tosing resord.In the senior English leagues. Hats off to Kevan Bower, Rangers' third manager of the season...



the Bundesliga club, St Pauli, does convey a certain lack of imagination, dare one say a typical · Teutonic austerity. At least they won't be out of place in the relegation mire. For a club situated in the heart of Hamburg's Reeperbahn, red would surely have been a more fitting choice.

Fact and fiction from

Leeds manager Howard William. Her, as outside possibilities.

Son is ready to respond to the Middlesbrough's signing of lunlettest Elland Road crists with a second be under threat, ac-£4.5m move for in-form Queen's cording to the People, which Park Rangers winger Trevor Sincials, according to the News of the possible involvement of unanchester United are rivals in fielder Corentin Martins.

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Howard Willianson as the top Eng-lish-born contender, with former

Scotland coach Andy Rodoungh

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**GUY HODGSON** Everton Tottenham Hotspur

Everton, who did not win a match until the clocks went back last autumn, will have to hope that GMT reverses the pull of gravity again. As the nights draw in, so do their horizons, and they are looking anxiously

over their shoulders. It is 30 August since they last won in the Premiership, a run of six games that leaves them with nine points, three away from the relegation places. Things are not as dire as they were 12 months ago when they were propping up the rest, but they are not exactly rosy either.

Indeed, had Tottenham taken either of two ripe chances in the final 11 minutes, Everton would be in worse straits. Instead of burying the home side. however, Ronny Rosenthal and Teddy Sheringham raised them by shooting and heading wide

respectively. "At least we have got more points than when I arrived, which was one ambition," said Royle, who was appointed in November last year to repair the damage of eight points from 14 games. "It's a pity we didn't get a second goal when we had them going, but they had chances at the end so 1-1 was

It was a game whose pendulum swung from blue to white the more the game progressed. Andrei Kanchelskis, making his first home appearance since recovering from a dislocated shoulder, fore at Tottenham in the first hour, leaving the visitors' left flank a tattered mess. Yet as his influence diminished

12 minutes, Kanchelskis chipping precisely to meet Gra-ham Stuart's run to the near post. The winger-turned-striker is more used to providing crosses like this than meeting them, but he headed powerful ly into the corner.

Stuart had an even better chance 20 minutes later, this time heading straight at Walk-er and, with Craig Short also failing to make the most of space at the back post from two of Andy Hinchcliffe's corners the impetus was wholly with

At this stage Tottenham looked ponderous up front, Sheringham shooting wide after rounding Neville Southall in the 10th minute and Chris Armstrong shooting lamely at the Everton goalkeeper after David Howells' pass had given him space eight yards out. Knowing heads saw that pa-

thetic effort and concluded they were looking at a striker whose confidence had been shot by nine Premiership matches without a goal.

So much for their theories, because Armstrong scored brilliantly after 29 minutes. Clive Wilson swept the ball forward a full 50 yards and he met the ball on the volley, lobbing Southall.

"He hasn't scored all season," Royle said, "so he has to do it here. In the end the match could have finished 6-6 so it must have been a great match for the punters." The boos that greeted the final whistle suggested otherwise.

Brenton (4-4-2): Southelf, Jackson, Short, War-son, Ablett; Kanchelskis, Home, Semweys, Hincholifie (Limper, 82); Fideout, Stuart, Sub-stitutes not used: Ebbrell, Uneworth. hem Hotspur (4-4-2): Walker, Au wood, Mabbutt, Wilson; Fox, How rell (Dozzel, 54), McMahon (Rosen

#### **Juventus close gap** as Milan slip up A CAST BURGERY

Roberto Murgita's second-half header gave unfancied Vicen-za a 1-1 draw yesterday with Milan, who saw their lead at the top of Italy's Serie A cut to two points as rivals Juventus and Napoli both won.

Murgita struck three minutes after the break, making amends for a series of squandered opportunities, to cancel out Stefano Eranio's fiercely struck 43rd minute opener for the visitors and thereby retain a two-

year unbeaten home record. Italy's promising young strik-er, Alessandro Del Piero, set Juventus on their way and further goals by Fabrizio Ravanelli and Antonio Conte secured a 3-1 win over Padova.

After their midweek Cup-Winners' Cup drubbing from Sweden's Halmstads, Parma earned a 1-1 draw with Roma at the Olympic Stadium, thanks to a late equaliser by Dino Baggio. Daniel Fonseca had given Roma the lead.

Napoli's 1-0 win at Piacenza was secured with a late goal

European round-up from their Brazilian sweeper, André Cruz.

PSV Eindhoven, midweek conquerors of Leeds United in the Uefa Cup, kept up the pur-suit of the Dutch league leaders, Ajax, with a 7-1 demolition of Groningen. The PSV mid-fielder Boudewijn Zenden scored a hat-trick. Ajax are five points clear of PSV after a 4-2 win at Feyenoord, who became the first side to score in the league against the Amsterdam club this season.

The Spanish league leaders, Atlético Madrid, earned a 1-0 win away to Valladolid. Their Argentine midfielder, Diego Simeone, scored the only goal. The French pace-setters, Metz, extended their unbeaten run to 14 matches with a disappointing 0-0 draw away to Lille. Second-placed Lens failed to make up ground, also drawing, 0-0,

with St Ftierme. A 10th minute goal by Jürgen Klinsmann secured a 1-0 win for Bayern Munich at St Pauli. Bayern remain three points clear of Borussia Dortmund, who beat -Cologne 3-0, in Germany's Bun-



### **Bowry swings furious derby**

LIZ SEARL

Crystal Palace

Millwall showed the big spenders yesterday that money is not everything when they beat Crystal Palace to climb to second in the table.

A fast and furious derby saw Millwall extend their unbeaten away run to seven matches, but Palace failed to gel together as they had done the previous Sunday, when they won well meted in the equaliser.

at Port Vale. However, no sooner h

If nothing else, this match had profound implications for co-

medians. No longer can Man-

chester City be held up and

compared unfavourably to the

points of a toothpick. Now they

A red triangle in all proba-

bility, the sort that motorists use

to warn of a breakdown, al-

though for which team at Maine

Road on Saturday is debat-able. City are ascending from

hopeless, but only those with sky

blue spectacles would describe

them as anything other than

poor while Leeds are declining

in an alarming manner. A month ago West Yorkshire

use a triangle instead.

Manchester City

snapped him up pre-season for £250,000 and after only two minutes he danced through Palace's defence and chipped to Chris Malkin, whose header vent over Nigel Martyn.

From that moment Bowry reinvensed Millwall's midfield and it was his thirst for possession that formed the rock of Millwall's offensive game. Palace did not sit back, how-

ever. After 31 minutes Andy Roberts began a move which was picked up by David Hopkin, and Dean Gordon ham-However, no sooner had the

Instead the management Palace fans found their seats may well have been ruing the day they let their midfielder. Millwall from Kaiserslautern in Millwall from Kaiserslautern in

did not have to stretch its col-

lective imagination too much to

forsee a championship at Elland

Road. Now medoicrity seems to

be creeping up on them, with

only the cup competitions for

light relief. Even Tony Yeboah

seems to have been ejected

from Mount Olympus and has

not scored for four matches, an

unprecedented run of failure for

To be fair, he had barely a

chance here thanks to a combi-nation of Kit Symons' expert shepherding and Leeds' em-

phasis on defence. This was

their first clean sheet of the sea-

son and, after shipping eight goals in two matches in the previous

eight days, it was manager Howard Wilkinson's priority -

something that will be empha-sised by the £1m signing of Old-ham's Richard Jobson today."

scorer in a mêlée which allowed him to shoulder the ball past

Palace fought and worried their opponents, but they were a fraction too slow to pick up on chances that could have earned them at least a deserved draw. In the second half frustration

began to rule the day as Palace missed their chances and Millwall tightened their defence. The appearance of Kerry Dixon as a second-half substitute put renewed life into Millwall's at- settling-in period is going to be tack, though, as the game con- a fact of life".

This caught up with the players and after 81 minutes Gareth Taylor appeared to elbow Bowry and after a scrum which Bobby Bowry, go. Miliwall the summer - was the fortunate left only the goalkeepers out of

Wilkinson drew consolation

from that and the fact that his

chances - Palmer's 30-yard shot

that Eike Immel tipped away

from the top corner and Gary

McAllister's point-blank 74th minute header that he inex-

plicably put over - but he ac-

knowledged the small size of

those trophies. "I can't say any-

thing more about that game,

he concluded, "except buil-

look as though Alan Ball's optimism might not belong

entirely to cloud cuckoo land

after all. There was the first

real flowering of Georgi Kin-

kladze's skills while Nicky

Summerbee epitomised the

growing confidence in the side with his best performance of

the season.

Third Division

City, meanwhile, began to

the action, Taylor was shown the only yellow card of the match.
"We didn't even look like getting on the end of anything " Ray Lewington, the Palace first-team coach, said. "They had the

desire to score and we didn't." This seemed a harsh appraisal and many will agree with the words of Lewington's coaching colleague, Peter Nicholas, who explained in the match programme that, due to the new team structure, "a

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match if the referee had shared

in the area after 59 minutes, Ball

said the television evidence

seemed to support the view but

the City captain, mirroring

Wilkinson's honesty, admitted

later that he had taken a touch

too many and there had been

"It's coming," Ball said of the performance. "Slowly, but it's

coming." And he was not talk-ing bullshit, either.

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Beil's Scottish League Premier Division

no foul.

City and Leeds in need of urgent repairs even if it had been tempting fate, were ready for the Flower

### **Zimbabwe** fall to power of Scotland

TIM GLOVER reports from St Andrews

There were several bizarre incidents at the home of golf yesterday. A number of young people, perhaps certifiable, jumped into the North Sea from a stretch of sand made famous by the film, Chariots of Fire, and attempted to play a form of water hockey; a pipe band struck up Flower of Scotland in the press car park in a rehearsal for the real thing and that was followed by the strangest thing of all -Scotland won the Alfred Dun-

hill Cup. It had always seemed as if there was too much emotional baggage on the host team to win this tournament but yesterday Andrew Coltart, Sam Torrance and Colin Montgomerie rose to the occasion. On the two other times they had reached the fi-nal, in 1987 and 1992, Scotland met a nemesis called England. Yesterday, they overcame Ireland to reach the final and were then too good for Zimbabwe.

Andrew Coltart, whose previous biggest cheque in his career was £33,000, won £100,000 here, as, of course, did his two compatriots. Coltart, the colt in the Scotland team, had the week of his life. For Torrance and Montgomerie it was another red-letter day in a season which seems to get better with every

Torrance leads Montgomerie in the Order of Merit and the marathon reaches its conclusion in the Volvo Masters at Valderrama this week. In the Ryder Cup they fought Europe's common cause and won their singles. In Spain they will be at each other's throats. First of all, though, Monty will see a doctor in Esher this morning for treatment to his left wrist. It has been troubling him for the last fortnight. "It's very, very sore," he said last pretty good panacea.

first and he beat Tony Johnstone, the Zimbabwean captain, with a cracking round of 67. goods division and do not men-Coltart went out in 32 and had tion cigarettes) were so fed up distanced himself from his opponent with birdies at the fifth and the seventh. Then he put their expensive bags and put the the dirk in with a hole in one at Cup away. Not so. Yesterday, the eighth: 178 yards, six iron and the putter stays in the bag. In the second match, Torrance shot a 68 to Mark Mc-Nulty's 70 and the pipe band,

of Scotland. Big Monty never re-ally recovered from a seven at the fifth where he hit his second shot into a bush and his 74 was no match for Nick Price's 68, No. matter. Scotland had the strategy right. Zimbabwe did not. Price was by far the most impressive player in the tourna-ment (20 under par, five wins out of five) and instead of going out first be went out last and his personal victory was a statistic in a team defeat. The US did the same thing in the Walker and Ryder Cups.

In the morning Montgomeric, Price and McNulty retained their 100 per cent records as Scotland defeated Ireland 2-1 in the first semi-final and Zimbabwe put out Spain by the same score. Montgomeric ensured that there were a number of elders looking at their watches in the kirks when he defeated Darren Clarke with a 70 to a 72. Coltart had already beaten Philip Walton 75 to a 76 so Torrance's loss to Ronan Rafferty in the third game became

The key holes in the Montgomerie-Clarke match were the 16th and 17th holes - described by Rafferty as "mind blowing". At the 16th Clarke was much closer and missed from 12 feet. Monty holed from 30 feet for a birdie three and at the 17th Clarke three putted to take a bogey five to the Scotsman's four.

The 16th and 17th were also decisive in Coltart's victory. Walton, who clinched Europe's triumph in the Ryder Cup and was the Saturday hero here in Ireland's sudden-death win over Sweden, bogeyed both holes. There was a lot of pressure, Walton said. Over the last month or so he had coped with it remarkably well.

Spain led 1-0 against Zimbabwe but Price, for the fourth time in a row, shot in the 60s and he had to make a terrific par from the Road Hole bunker to keep Jose Rivero at bay by a night. A hundred grand was a stroke. "I knew I just had to retty good panacea. make pars on the last two Coltart was again sent out holes," Price said.

There had been speculation that Alfred Dunhill (luxury with their late date in the calendar that they might pack they announced that the competition would again be held at the Old Course next year but they are hoping for an earlier month and fewer bobble hats and long johns. Scores, Sporting Digest, page 24

the best and worst experience:

It was only 14 months ago

that Malcolm destroyed South

Africa's batting at The Oval by

taking 9 for 57 which helped lev-

el the series, but the praise he

received for that performance

contrasted sharply with what

happened to him at Heading-

of his England career.

#### team had created the best two the opinion of most of the ground that John Pemberton Malcolm's ambition had brought down Keith Curle

Devon Malcolm, England's 32year-old paceman, was the man the youngsters most wanted to meet as the entire tour party visited the township of Alexandra. As the one black player in Mike Atherton's squad, Malcolm knows he is already being singled out by many South Africans as a role model - and it is Malcolm who will be the main attraction in the even bigger black community of Soweto at the end of this week if, as seems likely, England pick him for a four-day match against a South African invitation XI. Malcolm is happy to do as much as he can to assist the au-

thorities here with their development programme - which is introducing cricket to the country's most deprived communities - but also has his own ambitions "If I don't take nine wickets" in the first innings of the first

Test I hope I'm still given a

ley during last summer.

He picked up a wicket with
his first ball of the first Test against the West Indies but was then taken apart by Brian Lara. After this, Malcolm was left out for the next four Tests. Despite a minor knee operation just before the end of last season, Malcolm is confident

> jor impact on this series. Wasim Akram, the Lan-cashire fast bowler, was re-appointed as the Pakistan captain yesterday for the forthcoming tour to Australia and New Zealand. The 29-year-old replaces Ramiz Raja, who has

about his ability to make a ma-

paid the price for his country's chance," he said, recalling both recent poor run of form.

### Imperious Maddux

Baseball

The Atlanta Braves beat the Cleveland Indians 3-2 in the first game of the World Series on Saturday thanks to their pitcher Greg Maddux and Fred Mc-Griff's home run. Maddux, who is heading for

an unprecedented fourth consecutive Cy Young Award, conceded just two hits in a short outing while McGriff's home run levelled the scores at 1-1 in the second inning and when he came home in the seventh that proved to be the winning run. Both Indians runs were un-

carned, coming on errors forced by the speed of Kenny Lotton in the first and ninth innings.

"I don't think you will ever see anybody pitch better than Greg Maddux tonight," Mike Hargrove, the Cleveland manager, said. "He doesn't have overpowering stuff, but he's

everything you'd ever want in a pitcher." "I don't think he can pitch any better," Bobby Cox, the Atlanta manager, said. "I'm very, very proud of him."

Leading off the bottom of the second, McGriff smacked the first pitch he saw into the rightfield stands, becoming the 12th player to hit a home run in his first World Series at-bat, "It's stuff you dream about," McGriff said. "I hit it good. I knew it was out."

Native American protesters. angry at what they consider the racist names of both teams, carried signs outside Atlanta's stadium saying "Native people are not mascots." They had also protested the Braves' two previous losing World Series appearances in the past three played, and now the Indians, in their first World Series since 1941, represented an addition-

#### Celtic and Rangers on Papin's mind Scottish football

DAVID MCKINNEY

Rangers' heavy defeat by Ja-ventus in the Champions' League has done little, it would seem, to damage the perception of Scottish football abroad. Jean-Pierre Papin, the French striker who is unable to reclaim his place in the Bayern Munich team ahead of Jurgen Klinsmann, has declared that he would willingly join either. Rangers or Celtic in an effort to resurrect his career.

They are both big chibs and I would consider signing for a suitable contract," said Papin. who came off the bench on Tuesday in Bayern's Uefa Cup win against Raith Rovers at Easter Road. Rangers made light of their

injury problems, as they crushed

Heart of Midlothian 4-1 at

Ibrox on Saturday, with Paul Gascoigne opening Rangers' Paccount in the second minute on his return from injury. The win was a costly one. however, with the full-back David Robertson collecting an injury which will keep him out of tomorrow's Coca Cola Cup semi final against his former

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### Schumacher's title deepens gloom for Hill

**Motor racing** DAVID TREMAYNE

Yet another post-race clash between Michael Schumacher and Damon Hill lent a final edge to the Pacific Grand Prix, which the German won to clinch his second consecutive World

Championship.
The race had effectively ended on the 60th of its 83 laps at the point when Schumacher made his third and final pit stop and emerged from the pit lane with his lead over David Coulthard still intact. But for the Williams-Renault team the agony continued for another 23

"It's not over until everyone has done their final pit stop. Then you find out where you are on the track," Coulthard admitted. And having once nursed a massive lead of 36 seconds in the early stages, the Scot found that he was still four seconds adrift of Schumacher, and unable to challenge on worn tyres, when the showdown finally came. "If I'd come out ahead after my second stop I think it could have been close," he added. But the fact of the matter was that both he and team-mate. Damon Hill. were left to rue yet another race in which Schumacher - who had started behind both of them on the grid – had driven as if he had another gear.

Inevitably, comparisons will be drawn between Schumacher's ruthlessly probing style and that of the late Ayrton Senna, whose mantle he has taken over, and in clinching the world title this 18th triumph made him history's youngest double champion and confirmed him without question as Formula One's leading exponent.

He had cannily saved three new sets of tyres against the two of the Williams duo, but initially his plans went awry as mitted that he had committed



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\*\*Benetion deduced 10pts and Williams six for fuel immissibilities.\*\*



Coulthard leapt into the lead from pole position and the aggressive Hill edged him wide in the first corner to counter his attempt to pass round the outside. Hill's move kept Schumacher at bay, but let the Ferrari duo of Jean Alesi and Gerhard Berger into second and fourth places. Hill just held on

between them but Schumacher temporarily dropped to fifth.
"At that point I didn't think I could win, only score the three points I needed to clinch the title," Schumacher said. "But as the race developed and the first pit stop was perfect I was able to pull in front of Damon and Alesi and start to catch David. The way the team has come up with strategies is unbelievable. There hasn't been one mistake this season."

Indeed, Hill's first stop underlined the paucity of Williams' efficiency in this area, and was compounded by a problem with the refuelling equipment which made his stop twice as long as Schumacher's. Both men had pitted on lap 19, together with Alesi, but Schumacher beat both on to the track again, and left Hill to struggle with Alesi as he himself pushed dramatically after Coulthard. The Scot ad-

World Championship may be over but, Hill's accolade notwithstanding, their mutual antipathy

himself to a two-stop strategy to the three of his main rivals, and Schumacher was able to catch and pass the Williams, make his final stop, and still win the day after a peerless display that highlighted his aggressive ability on a day when neither Williams driver seemed to have sufficient firepower in their overtaking armoury. Hill could only pass Alesi in the pits during their second stops, and by the time he did he had lost far too much ground. Coulthard lost time dearly in traffic and chased Schumacher home almost 15 seconds adrift. Behind Hill, a depressed Berger drove his heart out in a misfiring Ferrari but could finish no higher than a lapped fourth ahead of teammate Alesi, who just fended off the persistent attentions of Johnny Herbert by a scant halfsecond. On his way to his disappoint-

ing third place, 48.333sec behind Schumacher, Hill survived a bump into the back of Eddie Irvine's Jordan-Peugeot on the 24th lap, but was far more concerned afterwards with comments Schumacher had made to him about his tactics in the early stages. Hill had moved over to block Schumacher on the 11th lap in a tit-for-tat move that paid him back for the Belgian Grand Prix, and said with barely concealed anger: "Michael has told me he is not happy with what I did. I find that extraordinary. completely extraordinary. The FIA has just ruled that we are completely free to do what we like so long as it isn't dangerous so I did. I drove in that style and

grounds to complain.' On this day of days Schumacher was not about to let anything tarnish his celebrations. but responded in a censorial tone: "The regulations allow us to do this and I didn't see it as dangerous, but it is something between Damon and me which is why I spoke personally to him. It is something we should sort

he didn't like it, but he's got no

Hill softened his comments by adding: "It has been a very tough fight this year but I am respectful of Michael's ability as a driver. He has shown on numerous occasions that he has extraordinary talent and

speed, so congratulations." Their battle for the 1995 is clearly set to continue.



### Australia forced into extra effort

Rugby League

DAVE HADFIELD reports from Huddersfield Australia New Zealand

New Zealand came agonisingly close to breaking Australia's grip on the World Cup before succumbing in extra time at the Alfred McAlpine Stadium yesterday.
Tries from Terry Hill and

Brad Fittler during the extra 20 minutes give the illusion of a comfortable Australian passage to the final. It was anything but that, ranking among the most

between the two countries. When the man of the match, gerous forward in the 50th minute by going 70 yards for his second try to put Australia 20-6 three times this year.

At that point, however, New Zealand finally began to believe in their ability to play this

Wonderful sustained handling took the Kiwis into Australian territory and their huge. powerful centres, Kevin Iro and Richie Blackmore, combined to send Richard Barnett

With nine minutes of normal time remaining, Gene Ngamu, one second-half substitute whose presence enlivened New Zealand, got his pass to another and Tony Iro went in. Matthew Ridge's conversion put them within four points.

Kiwi to the extent of jeering the steady stream of Australian Steve Menzies, underlined his trainers and water carriers litstatus as the world's most dan- tering the pitch, roaring them on, New Zealand equalised with two minutes left. Henry Paul, Ridge and Blackmore ahead, they seemed to be on linked up for Kevin Iro to emutheir way to a routine win over late his brother's touchdown.

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The Kiwi captain, Ridge, now had a conversion attempt from the touchline to, in all probability, win the game. Although he missed badly, he went much closer with a drop-

goal attempt two minutes into injury time. "As I was falling down I

could see it bending in. I thought it was there," Ridge said. "It was a coat of paint." nefit of two fresh substitutes in extra time, plus the return of Hill, who had spent the last four minutes of normal time in the sin bin for

delaying a play-the-ball. It was a case of the returning prodigal for Hill, who ran on to a pass from Jason Smith and was there, when Jim Dymock and, ball and finish the move.

That was it for the Kiwis, the feeling that they had fired their last shot confirmed by the ease with which Fittler went over two minutes into the second period of extra time. It had looked even easier in the first 10 minutes when they had taken a 10-point lead thanks to tries from Tim

Brasher and Menzies. New Zealand hung on until Mark Covne scored for Australia shortly before half-time and deserved enormous credit for the way they came back after Menzies' spectacular second appeared to have killed

them off.

If only they could have played like that a little earlier. they would not have been reliant upon Ridge's kicks to win it. "He doesn't miss many." observed Australia's Bob Fulton, his club coach at Manly, who also revealed that a protest is being made over the

refereeing of Russell Smith

with his first touch, Matthew and particularly the penalty Johns moved it on, to collect the ball and finish the move. and particularly the penalty count against Anstralia in the second half. "Eight or nine penalties to one

is not conducive to finishing them off," he said. "We have spoken to Greg McCallum but we won't make an issue about it. We will be going through the correct channels and we will be lodging a complaint about the referee's performance."

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### Liverpool pass muster

STEPHEN BRENKLEY Southampton

It was pitiful to watch Southampton yesterday. As they tried unsuccessfully to prise the ball from Liverpool's tender care, they must have felt they were being subjected to some form of prolonged torure. Not the sort that kills, but the sort that irritates until you

Liverpool passed beautifully. Sequences of 10, 12 or more passes, all with one touch, were regular. Southampton got the ball only when one of these went estray. In some ways Matthew Le Tissier must have been glad to be given premature release from this drip, drip method of being defeated. He was given no option. Twice within 10 minutes he made clumsy, although not malicious, challenges, in quite hapless attempts to gain pos-session and as if to prove his

tackling is indeed suspect. Both warranted bookings and after the second, for his challenge on Phil Babb in the 69th minute, Le Tissier was duly

sent off. Not that the contest was about him or his right to an England place. Le Tissier was more anonymous than most of

It had not started that way. When his second-minute corner curved in to the near post for Gordon Watson to claim the slenderest of touches Liverpool looked a tad jittery. Their three-man central defence was unsettled and with Neil Ruddock on the substitutes' bench appeared to lack a natural commander. Five minutes later Le Tissier ran 40 yards with the ball, space opening up before him, and slipped a craftily weighted pass to David Hughes, whose

snatched shot went wide. Then Liverpool welcomed Southampton into their torture chamber. With Jamie Redknapp and John Barnes at the fulcrum of the matter for much of the time and Steve McManaman surging this way and that on left and right, it was suddenly a match of a quite different tex-ture. If McManaman's passing was occasionally inaccurate, he had the most appropriate riposte. In the 22nd minute he levball back from the right. By halftime Liverpool had passed enough to create goals aplenty for a season. As it was, their goalkeeper David James had to be fully alert three minutes before the break, with Neil Ship-perley through for them to stay

The second goal arrived 11 minutes into the second half. Jason McAteer, playing in the unfamiliar position of right-back in place of Rob Jones, was inter-mittently uncertain in defence, but his attacking surges were delightful. He began this one by naging to keep the ball in play and surged from the halfway line into the area. When his shot was parried, McManaman buried

McAteer was instrumental in the third goal too when, for once, there was nothing at all wrong with his pass to Redknapp, who easily converted. Evans was only concerned that there should have been still more.

Liverpool (5-3-2): James; McAr Scales, Babb, Harkness; McMan Imapp, Barnes; Rush, Fowler, Subs

elled matters by bursting into the area and drilling his shot home, after Robbie Fowler pulled the More football, pages 26 and 27

### **Brighton off to island retreat**

RUPERT METCALF

Liam Brady's Brighton and Hove Albion side will travel to south Essex next month to take on a team who have already suffered one defeat in the FA Cup this season.

Yesterday's draw for the first round gave the Seagulls an away tie at Canvey Island, from the Second Division of the Icis (Isthmian) League, who lost 1-0 at King's Lynn in the third

qualifying round but were re-in-stated after it was discovered that the Norfolk club had fielded an ineligible player, Canvey made the most of their reprieve by beating Hednesford, who are chasing the GM Vaux-

hall Conference title, in Satur-day's fourth qualifying round. Brady's bunch will be meeting a side full of experience, including Perry Groves, once of Arsenal, the former Colchester player-manager Roy McDon-ough, and John Keeley, a goal-

keeper who includes Brighton among several previous clubs. Other highlights include Hitchin Town, another Icis League side, at home to Bristol Rovers; and Plymouth Argyle's trip to Slough, where they will face two of their former players,

Andy Clement and Mark Fiore. Wigan Athletic will not fancy the short journey to Runcorn, while Purfleet and Rushden replay tomorrow for the right to entertain Cardiff City.

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